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Paris, To-day.
A second "Normandie" is to be built to replace the "Paris" which was recently destroyed by fire, it is announced.

Work on the new liner will not begin until the end of 1940, however, because the only dock in France large enough for placing a ship over 50,000 tons on the stocks, is occupied with the construction of the aeroplane carrier "Marshal Joffre."—Trans-Ocean.

Britain's Offer To Soviet

Moscow, To-day.
THE Foreign Commissioner, M. Molotoff, yesterday, received the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, to receive the British counter-proposals. The interview lasted 40 minutes.

Political circles state that the British proposals contained the following points:

- (1) A Soviet guarantee for the five States directly adjacent to the Soviet Union, i.e. Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Rumania,
- (2) A pledge of British assistance in the event that the Soviet Union is involved in war as result of these guarantees.

Although this information is declared to be well substantiated, it is not possible to obtain official confirmation, since British and Soviet quarters maintain strict silence.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CONFIRMATION

London, To-day.
The Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday said that the Government had no confirmation of reports that German troops were massing at the German-Polish frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

SEVEN EMERGENCY HOSPITALS BEING BUILT

Chungking, To-day.

While the exodus of Chungking inhabitants continues from the smouldering ruins of what was once a densely populated area of the city, the authorities are making every effort to assist in the relief work.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered hundreds of Government cars including his own to be put at the disposal of the refugees and heavily laden private cars and lorries are entering and leaving the city day and night.

It is estimated that 200,000 persons have been evacuated and more are to follow. Meanwhile, salvaging work is continuing at all speed, machinery, furniture, bails of cotton and paper being carried or transported to safety.

At present, only one newspaper is published in greatly reduced size but it is stated that more will reappear within a few days.

Two newspaper plants were completely demolished and four others seriously damaged.

It has now been definitely decided not to move the Government since the plan to evacuate several Ministries had been carried out several months ago. Several schools were also moved to the safer side some time ago and others will now follow.

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS

All hospitals are being removed from the city to safer spots in the country, where seven emergency hospitals are under construction.

As a means of assisting relief work, the Government has decided to supply every refugee with five dollars, and those who are penniless as result of the catastrophe will receive \$30, a one million dollar fund having been provided for this purpose.

Refugee camps have been erected outside the city limits and special corps have been organised for assisting the helpless and aged.

3,000 KILLED

Several shops reopened on Monday and it is assumed that others will also resume business as soon as the immediate danger is over. At present, the barest necessities are difficult to obtain in the city, the main shopping centre, having been practically wiped out by the fire.

The exact figures of casualties and material damage are not available, but it is believed that upwards of three thousand were killed.

FALSE ALARMS

Although air raid alarms are given at frequent intervals, Japanese planes have so far failed to reappear, this being due, it is believed to the increased air raid precautions of the Chungking authorities.

Following an alarm on Sunday night the population remained in shelters for two hours but no planes appeared. It was later learnt that they had passed the city to the northeast and bombed two cities in that district.

Two Japanese planes flew over Chungking yesterday morning but dropped no bombs. The banks were

MARTIAL LAW REIMPOSED: HEAVY GUNFIRE

Canton, To-day.

Activities in Canton were suddenly brought to a standstill when martial law was unexpectedly reinforced at 11 o'clock this morning. There had been a previous three-hour period of martial law.

The Japanese spokesman told Reuter: "Owing to Sunday's good results in cleaning up looters and other unruly elements, we have decided to continue, and the proclamation of martial law can be expected from time to time."

The restrictions ended at noon. A foreigner on Shameen informed Reuter that heavy gunfire was audible last night, coming from the direction of the Canton-Hankow Railway.—Reuter.

ordered to open for business on Monday between seven and nine while the shops open mainly during the evening hours when a rush of the customers sets in.—Trans-Ocean.

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Nazi Labour Minister's Essay In Abuse

COMMONS QUESTIONS ABOUT DANZIG

London, To-day. THE British Government stand for the settlement of international differences by friendly negotiation, arbitration or other peaceful means, and they are at all times ready to lend their good offices at the request of any interested parties, declared the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question regarding the future status and administration of Danzig. The Prime Minister told the House that the Government welcomed the "firm and conciliatory" terms of the Polish Foreign Minister's speech on May 5, and had taken due note of the proposals made therein.—Reuter.

AMERICAN NAVAL BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY PASSED THE \$773,000,000 NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL. The House included in the bill at the last minute \$3,000,000 for air bases in the Pacific islands of Midway, Palmyra and Johnston. The appropriations committee rejected this sum last week.—Reuter.

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"Ruthless, Brutal Covetous"

A refreshingly new element is introduced into the anti-British tirades of the German Press by a masterly excursion into dialectical abuse by Dr. Ley, leader of the German Labour Front, who recently received a friendly welcome in London.

For the most part the German newspapers select portions of the British Empire for examination, the "horrors of British tyranny" being exposed with what Dr. Goebbels usually calls "merciless vigour."

The "Angriff," however, publishes one of Dr. Ley's monthly articles addressed to the German working classes. The first "point" he makes is printed in leaded and underlined type. It runs: "The Fuehrer is always right," and continues: "Why does Britain always adopt such a hostile attitude to us Germans? Britain leads the league of German haters."

"FORM OF INSANITY"

"This hatred of Germany in Britain is becoming a form of insanity. The British outbreaks of rage, born of fear, nervousness, ill-humour and jealousy, would almost arouse pity if they were not so vile. One could laugh at them if they had not already once led to a world war."

"Who had to pay the inhuman war contribution as a result of the shameful Treaty of Versailles? The German worker, the German people! Whose colonies were stolen from them? The German people's! Whose factories were plundered? The German people's! Whose cows, sheep, pigs and oxen were taken from them? The German people's!"

"Who became workless as a result of the sadistic peace dictated? The

German worker, the German people! Who was affected by the British blockade? The German worker, the German people!"

DARKEST BRITAIN

"Historically and, therefore, culturally Britain is the youngest European creation. Apart from the fact that she belonged 2,000 years ago to the Roman Empire she was a completely unknown dark portion of the earth."

"We Germans maintain that when Germany had already had one thousand years of proud history had a blossoming culture behind her. William the Conqueror set foot in Britain and began British history." Britain had "stolen" her Empire while Germany was engaged in religious wars. British methods were "the most ruthless, the most covetous ever employed for the suppression of other peoples. He who remonstrates is brutally lashed. He who still attempts to stick up for his rights is mercilessly exterminated with bombs."

HATRED THROUGH FEAR

"Britain," continues Dr. Ley, in emphasised type, "is a rich parvenu who also wants—provided he does not run any personal danger—to play world policemen."

"Inferiority complexes, coupled with capitalistic lust for power are what creates in Britain an irreconcilable, infernal hatred against us Germans, an old cultural nation which has become aware of her true strength for the first time under National Socialism."

"Britain hates us because she fears us—because she fears like Alberich to lose her nibelung hoard. Britain hates us because we know the truth about her National Socialist Germany does not allow herself to be impressed by a parvenu, however rich."

"German worker, those are the real reasons for British policy! We can expect nothing from Britain. We know it. But Britain also must know: If Britain wants a new war against Germany she will not be up against the old-world order and the divided Germany of 1914. Since that date much has been altered in the constellation of the Powers, and in Germany herself everything is different."

GERMAN ALLEGATIONS OF TERRORISM

Berlin, To-day. Further allegations of Polish "terrorism" against Germans are contained in yesterday's issue of Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper "National Zeitung."

The paper says: "If Poland continues these terrorist activities, Germany will be forced to act accordingly."

"The diplomatic bluff staged by France and Britain, together with some Warsaw officials, would certainly not prevent Germany doing what she thought necessary." — Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN ARMY MANOEUVRES

Rome, To-day. King Victor Emmanuel and Mussolini, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, General Brauchitsch, and the Spanish and Albanian military leaders, yesterday attended Italian army manoeuvres. — Trans-Ocean.

Duke's Reply To Critics

Verdun, To-day. AFTER he had been informed earlier yesterday that there had been criticism of his decision to broadcast, the Duke of Windsor authorised the following statement:

"When the Duke accepted the invitation to broadcast from Verdun, he did so realising that some criticism was more than likely."

"Sincerely convinced, however, that a personal, non-political message might have some value just now, he feels that with the uncertainty of the present situation there is no time to lose in giving one."

The Duke broadcast from a hotel room. He is returning to Paris to-day.—Reuter.

M. GAFENCU TO VISIT TURKEY AND GREECE

PARIS, TO-DAY. THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GAFENCU, WILL VISIT TURKEY IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY, ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, WHICH ADDS THAT HE WILL GO ON TO GREECE.

Bucharest and Ankara, says the report, are working together in foreign affairs.

The coming Rumanian-Turkish talks will be concerned with relations between Rumania and Bulgaria, as Turkey wants a reconciliation between the two countries. — Trans-Ocean.

"MEIN LEBEN" "NEXT"?

Herr Hitler is writing another book. It is intended to supplement the Fuehrer's private income and to help finance the cost of his new home near Berchtesgaden.

The new book will be autobiographical. Its provisional title is "Mein Leben" ("My Life"), and it may be nearly as long as "Mein Kampf."

This in the English unexpurgated edition, runs to 560 closely-printed pages. The author was helped in the writing of it by a period of 18 months' seclusion in the Landsberg prison.

It will require superhuman energy on the part of Herr Hitler to finish "Mein Leben" in anything like the same time. That he should undertake a new book at all while the multifarious cares of the Reich rest so heavily upon him as they do in these critical times is sufficiently remarkable.

Japanese Claim Success

Tokyo, To-day.
ABOUT 100,000 Chinese troops are said to be in retreat in the Tapieh mountains, north-west of Hankow, following heavy Japanese pressure in the past week, according to Japanese field despatches.

The Japanese forces claim to be advancing on a 5-mile front. It is reported that some 20,000 men of General Chiang Kai-shek's central army, commanded by General Tang En-po, have been cut off.—Reuter.

KING SWIMS IN SHIP'S POOL

LONDON, TO-DAY.
REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON BOARD THE "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA," WHICH IS BEARING THE KING AND QUEEN TO CANADA, SAYS THAT THE LINER RAN INTO FOG YESTERDAY MORNING AND SLACKENED SPEED.

The fog lifted in the afternoon and the sea was slightly rougher, but was insufficient to cause the least uneasiness to Their Majesties. The King spent some time in the morning going through State papers and messages received by radio.

Later Their Majesties strolled round the ship, and rested in the afternoon, after which the King swam in the ship's pool.—Reuter.

VICTORY PARADE RE"FIXED"

Burgos, To-day.
The great victory parade in Madrid which will mark the official termination of the civil war, has been postponed till May 19. On May 12, a parade of the air force will take place at Barajas near Madrid.

General Franco will take the salute at a parade at Leon on May 22, in which the German volunteers will participate.

All foreign volunteers will leave Spain in course of the week following the Madrid victory parade.—Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. MISSION IN FRANCE

London, To-day.
Major-General Alexander, accompanied by a number of high R.A.F. officers, left for Paris by air on Saturday night, it was only revealed yesterday.

They were met at Le Bourget airport by General Blanchard, of the French Air Force, and the commander of the 194th French Air base, Colonel de Turenne.—Trans-Ocean.

COOPERATIVES TO YUGOSLAV'S CHINA INTERESTS

The Hong Kong committee of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives will shortly launch a campaign for funds to push its work.

A ball will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on May 26 in collaboration with the Chinese women's organisations.

The Committee will give a reception to leaders of local Chinese and foreign circles at the Chinese Merchants Club on May 12 with Madame Sun Yat-sen, Bishop Hall, Dr. C. T. Wang and others as hosts.—Central News.

Paris, To-day.
The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, yesterday received the Yugo-Slav Minister, M. Pouritch, who was instructed by his Government to ask the French Government to protect Yugo-Slav interests in China.—Reuter.

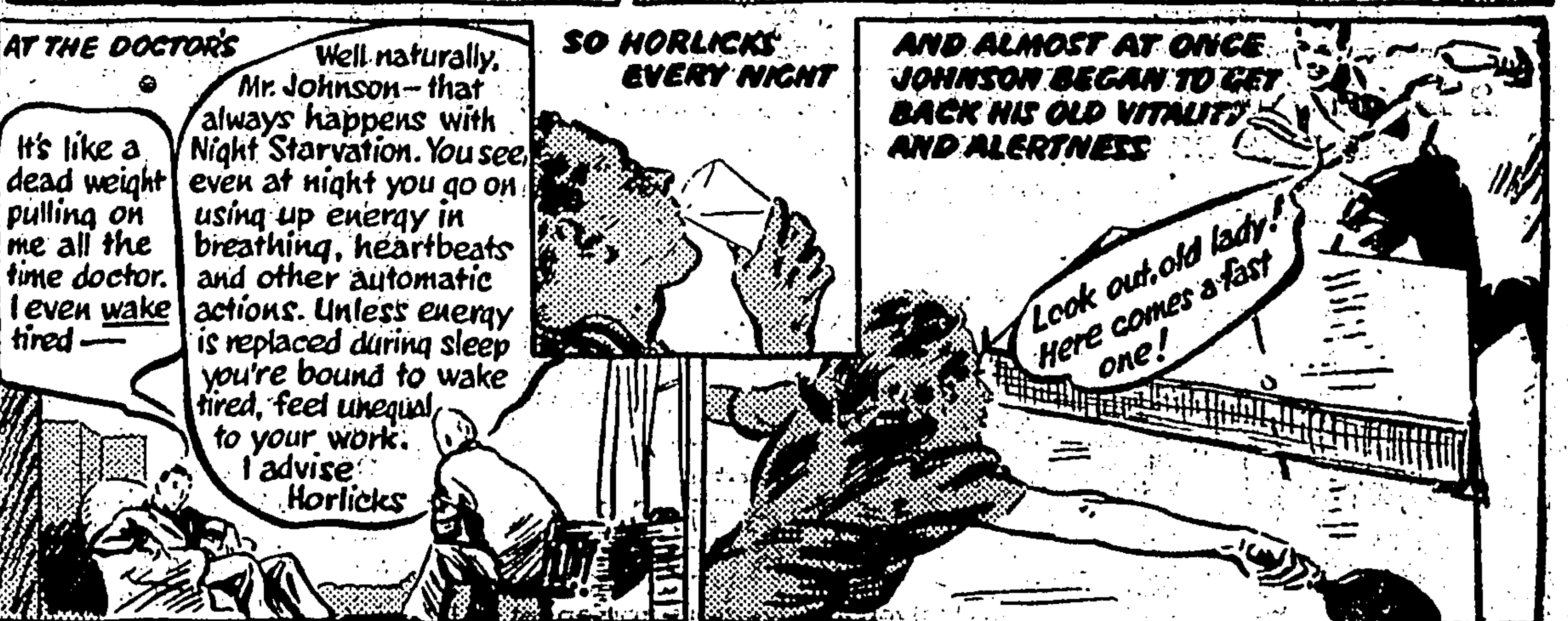
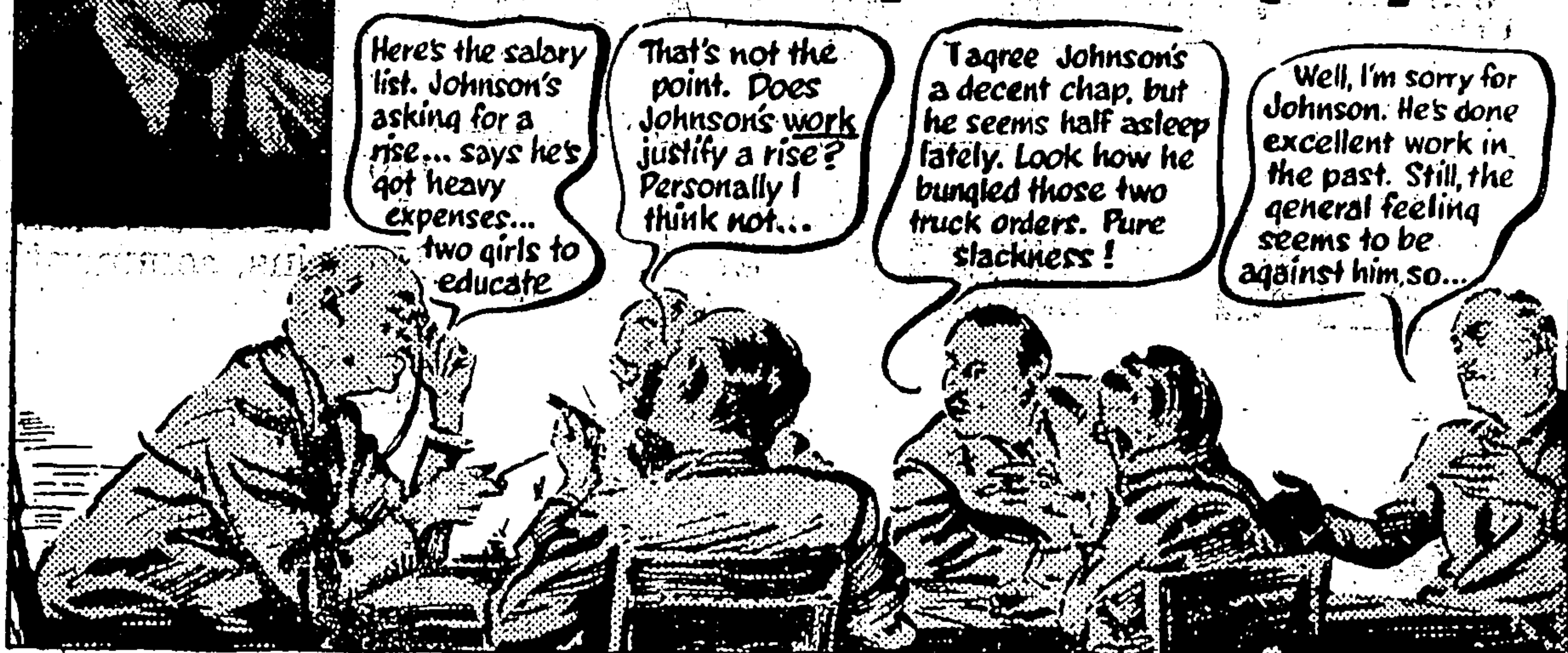
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PRINCESSES TOUR PORT OF LONDON

London, To-day.
Queen Mary, accompanied the Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret yesterday afternoon when the Princesses were shown the Port of London.

The Royal Party cruised ten miles from Tower Pier to Woolwich, and passed through the George Fifth Dock as well as visiting the offices of the Port of London Authority.—British Wireless.

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Lord Halifax At The Japanese Embassy

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was a guest at the Japanese Embassy last evening. Other guests were Mr. R. A. Butler, the French Ambassador, M. Corbin, the Ministers to Denmark, The Netherlands and the Consul-General for the United States, as well as the former British envoy to Japan, Sir Francis Lindley.

Business Outlook Hopeful

Washington, To-day.

THE Secretary for Commerce, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, commenting on the business outlook, said he foresees a moderate rise in business for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Hopkins scored the pessimistic attitude adopted last week by the Chamber of Commerce Convention, and stated the opinion that it did not represent the majority of businessmen.

He advocated continuance of the Administration's spending programme in the next twelve months.

Mr. Hopkins refused to discuss tax revision pending further conversations with members of the Administration, and adopted the same attitude when asked whether he was still standing on his proposals for business encouragement which he outlined in his February speech at Des Moines.—Reuter.

SAILORS' HOME HEAVILY TAXED

The hostilities and alarms of 1938 caused the ships of the China Fleet to spend more time than usual in Hong Kong waters, and the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute was called on to provide the fullest possible accommodation for naval ratings who wished to sleep ashore, writes the Reverend Cyril Brown, Chaplain of the Institute, in his report for 1938.

Often as early as 5 p.m. all beds and cabins were booked and late-comers either had to be turned away or allowed to sleep in chairs. Towards the end of the year, new beds were bought for use in the King George V Hall and these, too, were taken nearly every night.

The total number of both naval ratings and merchant seamen who were accommodated in the building during 1938 reached the astonishing total of 39,230, "which, of course, is easily a record."

A balance of \$2,484.35, excess of income over expenditure during the year is to be noted in the accounts, as compared with 1937's excess of expenditure over income of \$1,783.53.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports

Trans-Ocean's special correspondent says the dinner followed lengthy conversations between Lord Halifax and Mr. Shigemitsu, in the course of which Lord Halifax gave the Japanese envoy a detailed account of Anglo-French negotiations, and voiced the hope that Japan would keep Britain informed on her negotiations with Germany and Italy.

The Japanese Ambassador is reported to have complained of the British assistance to China which, he declared, served Soviet interests in the Far East far more than it helped Chiang Kai-shek's Government.

The Japanese Ambassador is reported furthermore to have been anxious to clear up misunderstandings concerning the Anti-Comintern Pact. This pact, the Ambassador said, was not directed against the Soviet Government, but against the Third International.

Lord Halifax, on the other hand, pointed out the great anxiety with which the British Government watched the actions of Japan in China.—Trans-Ocean.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, To-day.

Capetown news agency messages state members of the South African Cabinet and Mayors and Councillors of principal centres throughout the country were the first to sign the Union Registers for National Voluntary Service when the lists were opened yesterday.

From all parts of the Union the response was excellent—old and young members of all trades and professions and many ex-soldiers placing their names on the Registers.—British Wireless.

SLIGHT DECREASE OF INMATES IN REFUGEE CAMPS

The number of refugees and destitutes in camps in the rural areas continues to decrease.

Since last week, the figures have dropped from 6,044 to 5,697 and the camp at Man Kam To has been closed. Some 4,210 are housed at Kam Tin.

In the urban areas, there has been an increase, from 4,200 to 4,314, principally at Ma Tau Chung.

The gross total is 10,788 as compared with 11,022 last week.

Korea and S. E. Manchuria. The depression is situated to the south-east of Tokyo moving north-eastward. A deep depression has formed over N. China.

MUSSOLINI MAY VISIT BERLIN TO SIGN AXIS MILITARY ALLIANCE

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, returned yesterday from Milan and immediately called on Mussolini.

Count Ciano reported on his discussions with the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, which led to announcement of an Italo-German military alliance.

The Italo-German military pact will be formally signed in Berlin within the next few weeks.

Mussolini will visit Berlin for the purpose of signing on behalf of Italy.

Formulation of the precise terms of the pact is expected to be completed during the course of the next few weeks.

The Italian press gives Britain's "encirclement policy" as reason for the pact.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CHANGE

London, To-day.

The conclusion of a military pact between Italy and Germany, is interpreted generally as the formal proclamation of a state which has existed de facto for some time.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes: "The alliance destroys all hopes which might still have been harboured as to incompleteness of collaboration of the Axis powers, since Italy has now acquiesced in renunciation of her independent policy," and declares further, "the alliance does not change the international situation since it has only transformed into a de jure alliance what had for a long time existed as a de facto alliance."

JOINT DEMANDS?

The "Daily Mail" expects that apart from the military clauses the new pact will define the European claims and colonial claims of the two States as well as the spheres of influence which the two dictators are prepared to concede to each other.

Under the heading "We want Russia," the "News Chronicle" demands that the new Italian-German pact be countered by strengthening the peace alliance which is now more necessary than ever.

A triple alliance including Russia was admittedly not the ideal solution but must be concluded even at cost of disapproval of the small nations.—Trans-Ocean.

ASTONISHING LANGUAGE IN GERMAN PRESS

Berlin, To-day.

The German-Italian alliance dominates the German press.

Huge headings emphasise the "peaceful character" of the Milan convention which is regarded as "a further blow to the policy of encirclement."

"The world will have to learn," the "Voelkischer Beobachter" declares, "including the gentlemen of

Downing Street and the Quai d'Orsay that between their legitimate territories in the west and the spheres of political interest arrogated in the east, there stands, in future, the broad, unsurmountable wall of the Axis."

The paper of Field Marshal Goering, the "Essener National Zeitung" declares: "Germany and Italy will apply the pact in the interest of both nations and in the interest of peace wherever it should be necessary. For all those who thought that a good chance had turned up again for dealing a blow to the Fascist States, the time of illusions should now be past. Only on Saturday official Polish organ "Czas" wrote that under pressure from Italy the sharp tone of the German press towards Poland would change into a tone of moderation. Ten hours later this blow was dealt in Milan."—Trans-Ocean.

WHAT ROME PRESS SAYS

Rome, To-day.

The military pact between Italy and Germany is warmly welcomed by the Roman press as the "greatest diplomatic event since the world war" and as an "effective contribution to European peace."

"Messaggero" says the new pact is a necessity resulting from the "irreconcilable encirclement policy" pursued by the Western Democracies. The formation of an offensive Democratic bloc could not but lead to the formation of a defensive bloc of the nations threatened, especially since Italy and Germany, despite the provocative attitude of the Western Powers had given repeated proofs of their patience! The paper stresses that hopes entertained by the Democratic press of separating Italy from Germany have now been finally destroyed. The German-Italian military alliance, clarifies and simplifies the European situation. Announcement of a military alliance between two Powers of such strength and having such highly developed military instruments at their disposal must naturally contribute to stabilisation of the international situation and consequently to a return of peaceful activities!

GRANITE RAMPART!

The war-mongers in Paris and London would now know that Italy and Germany had constructed an impregnable rampart of granite for their protection and the existence of this rampart would secure peace in Europe and in the whole world for a long period!

"Giornale d'Italia" also describes the pact as a guarantee of peace. From the Baltic to the borders of the Sahara, the Axis leans on series of strong strategic positions behind which the German and Italian armies keep watch as guarantors of peace! Whilst the Democratic powers were a prey to war psychosis, Italy and Germany were firmly united for the defence of peace! —Trans-Ocean.

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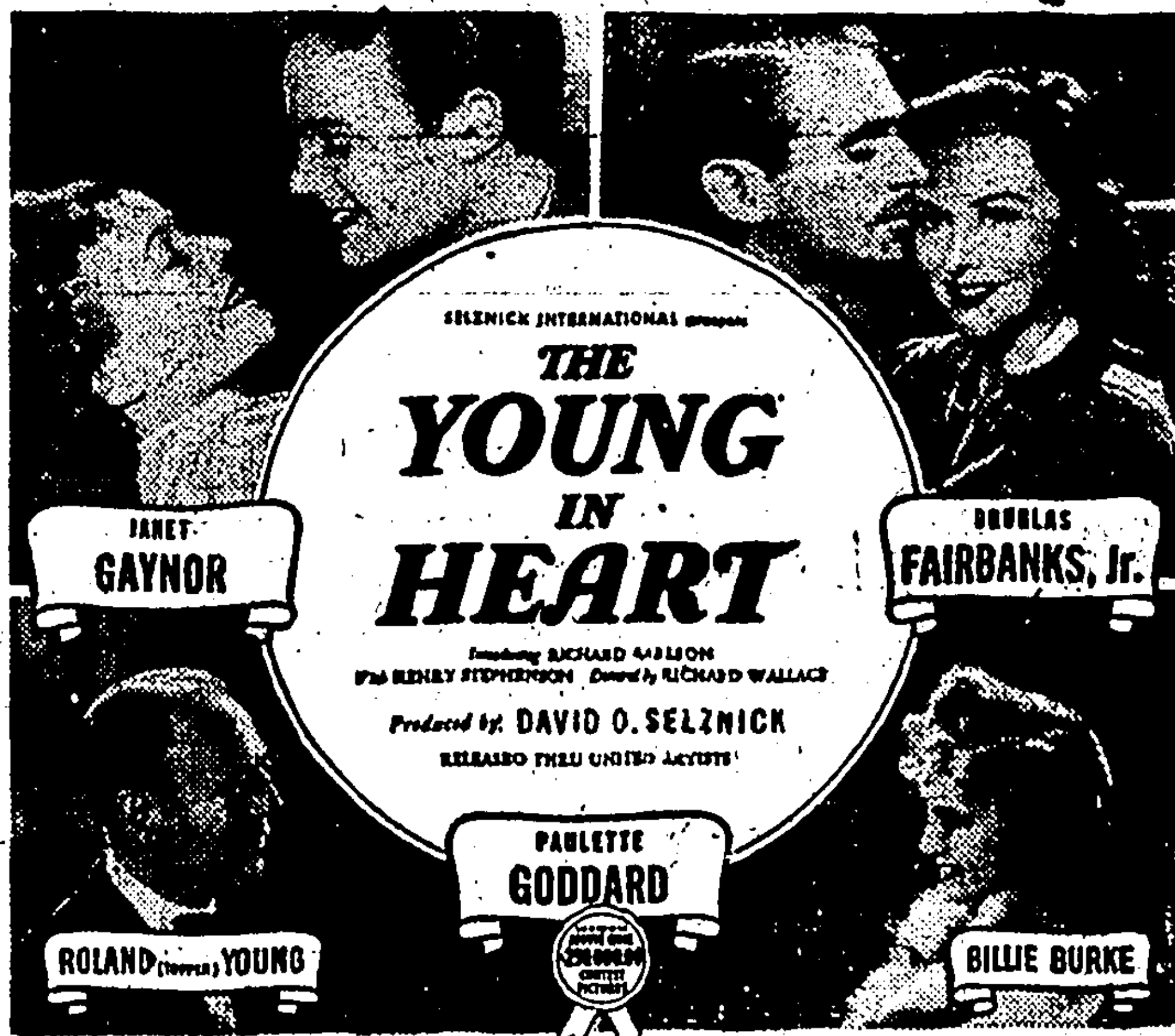
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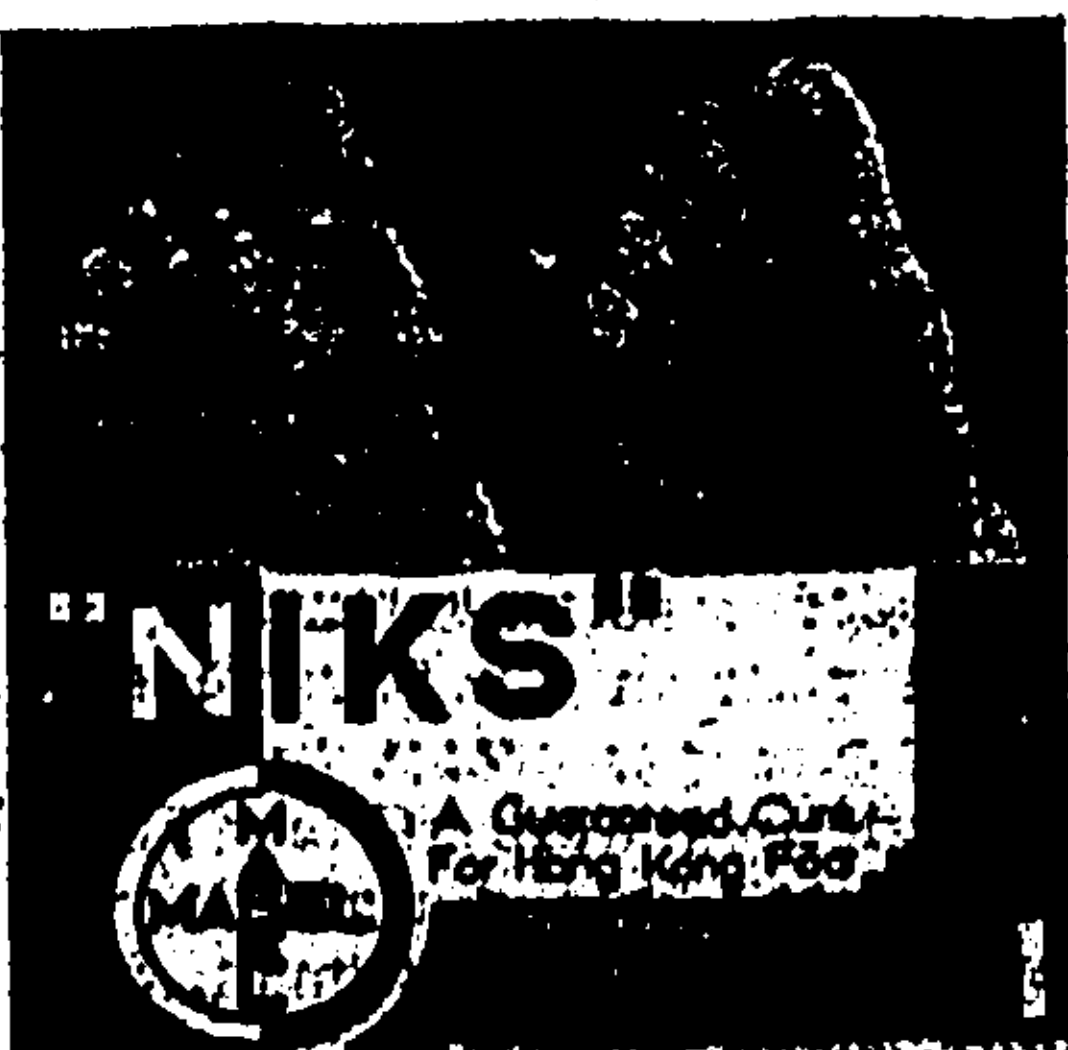
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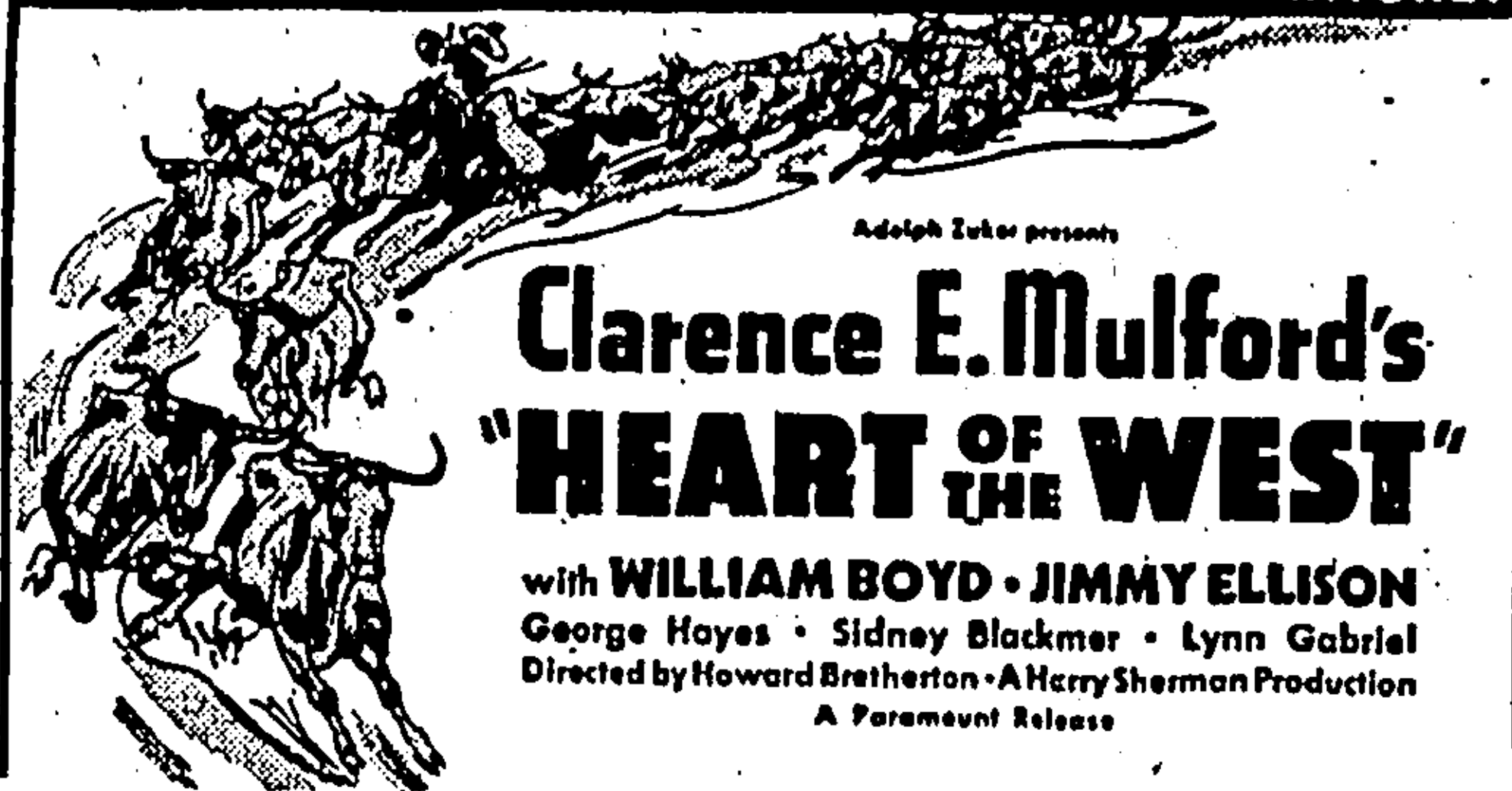


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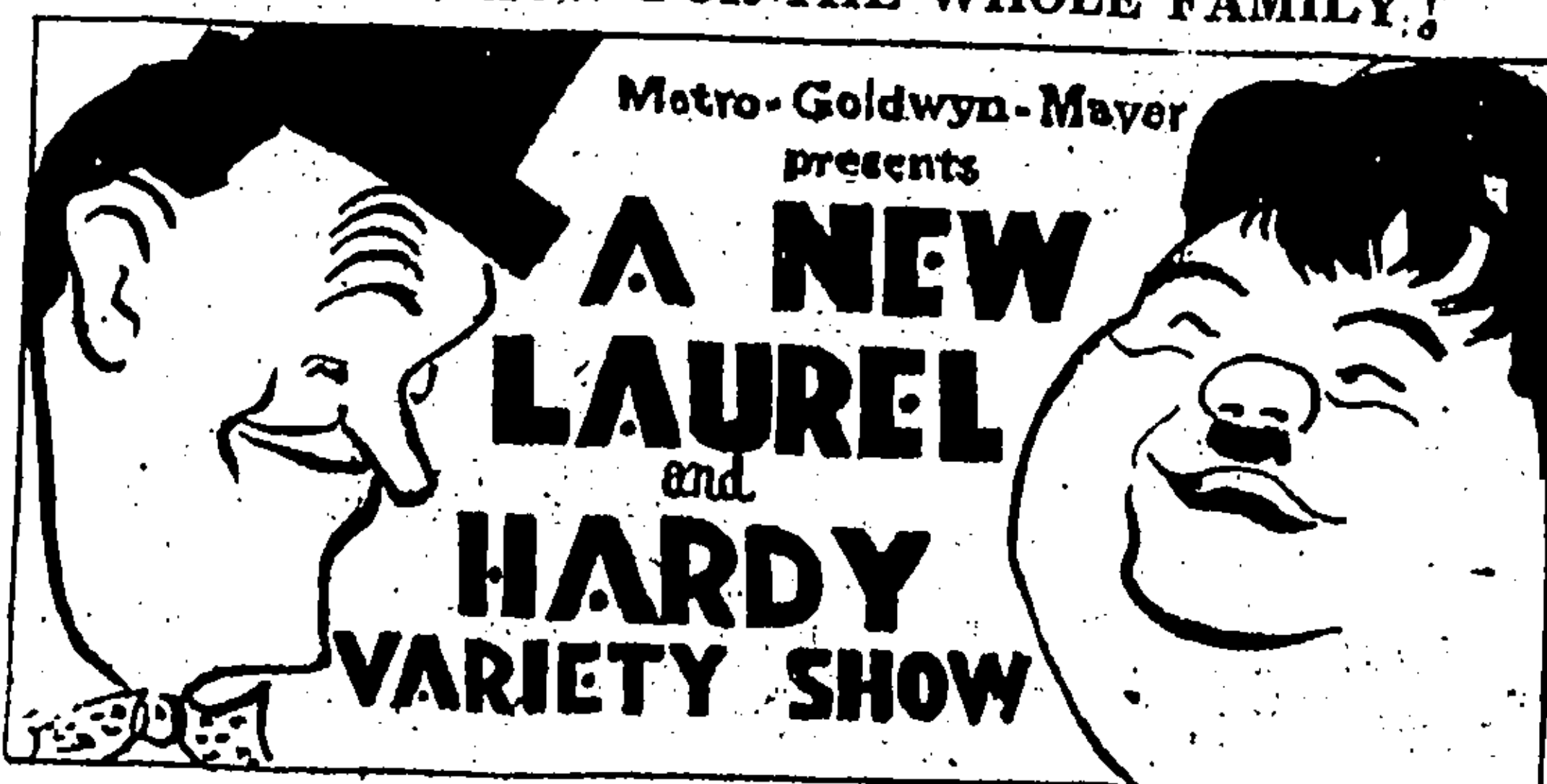
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MASSACRE OF CHUNGKING: SCATHING DENUNCIATION OF THE JAPANESE

London, To-day.

"THE Times," in an editorial headed "Massacre at Chungking," says that the brunt of the Japanese attack on the Chinese capital fell on the crowded residential centre of the city and virtually all the victims, of whom a high proportion were burned to death, were civilians.

Butchery on this scale, although attempted, has never been achieved before, but the Japanese air force promises bigger raids in future.

Two years ago, even one year ago, several nations still thought it worth while remonstrating with Japan in the name of humanity and civilisation against deliberately barbarous conduct towards non-combatants.

The world knows better to-day.

The attitude of contemporary Japan towards bushido appears to be that bushido is all right as long as it is not allowed to interfere with the conduct of the war.

MASS TERRORISM

The case of Chungking is a particularly bad one. It is sufficiently clear that the Japanese aimed at mass terrorism through slaughter.

Chungking has no value as a target save that it offers exceptional opportunities of destroying civilian life.

It is curious that the Japanese should still believe in the efficacy of such methods. They might have learned by this time that bombs, so far from intimidating the Chinese only stiffen their determination to resist.—Reuter.

DUDELL STREET ROBBERY

Mr. C. F. Needham, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, has reported that two boxes of silver valued at \$360 were stolen from a store in Duddell Street on Sunday. The store was entered through an open window.

EX-EMPLOYEE'S FRAUD

Six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Ng Kwok-kan, 19, former employee of the Bosco Radio Company, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for obtaining a radio-set by false pretences.

Defendant obtained the set, valued at \$285, from Mrs. S. L. Shum, by pretending that he was sent to take the radio. The set had been bought by her husband only a few days earlier and Ng had been dismissed the day before.

Two days later, he sold the set to a telephone clerk for \$42.

The daughter of Mrs. Z. G. Remedios, Elsa, and an amah, Pang Sam, were treated at the Kowloon Hospital, after they had been bitten by a dog at No. 2, Peace Avenue yesterday.

Miss D. Hutchinson, headmistress of the Ying Wa Girls' School, has reported the theft of clothing from the school building yesterday.

JAPANESE PLANES FLY INTO H.K. TERRITORY

THREE JAPANESE MONOPLANES FLEW OVER HONG KONG TERRITORY YESTERDAY AT ABOUT 6 P.M., ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOURCES.

The machines roared directly over No. 3 Police Launch which was anchored in the harbour of Tai-O on Lantau Island.

They passed at a height of only 800 feet, and disappeared in the direction of Deep Bay into Chinese territory.

It is understood that the Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the machines flew over British Territory.

NO ACTION LIKELY

It is understood that no action is likely to be taken in the matter, as the skirting of the border-limits of Hong Kong by Japanese aeroplanes en route to the Canton delta has occurred before.

As in the case of yesterday's infringement, the violation was a technical one—Tai O being at the extreme western limits of the Colony—and was probably due to inadvertence, the "China Mail" was informed this morning.

ANGLO-GERMAN NAVAL PACT DENUNCIATION

London, To-day.

The situation created by denunciation of the Anglo-German Naval Agreement was being considered in all its aspects, declared the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday.

A communication would in due course be made to the German Government.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the German Government did not consult the British Government before the agreement was denounced.—Reuter.

DAIRY FARM ROOF MISHAP

Two coolies and a woman were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, as a result of the collapse of a roof at the servants' quarters of the Dairy Farm in Sassoon Road about 4 p.m. yesterday.

The victims were Wong Chuen, 38, injuries to the right leg, Ip Chan, 48, and the woman, Wong Chung, head injuries.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IS NOT AWARE

Adopts Stiff Attitude Towards Tory Back-Bencher

Will Not Admit Public Call For Soviet Pact

London, To-day.

"Is the Prime Minister aware that the great majority of people in this country are in favour of a pact of mutual assistance with the Soviet Union," asked Mr. Robert Boothby (Conservative) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Boothby added: "In view of the guarantees given to Poland and Rumania, and the increasing anxiety regarding the failure to take steps necessary to implement those guarantees, will the Prime Minister give an assurance that he will do everything in his power to conclude an Anglo-Franco-Soviet pact at the earliest moment?"

Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied he was not aware that the public of this country had had any opportunity of expressing such an opinion, any more than Mr. Boothby had for making such a statement.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) asked whether the House might take it that the policy of the Government was to endeavour to secure the fullest degree of co-operation with Russia in endeavouring to establish a system based on a mutual guarantee, with the object of resisting aggression, from wherever it might come.

PREMIER'S DEFINITION

The Prime Minister replied that the purpose of the Government was to obtain the fullest co-operation with Russia in the policy they were pursuing.

Lt.-Comm. R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour) asked whether the Russian proposals remained unaffected by the change in the Soviet Foreign Secretaryship.

Mr. Chamberlain: I am not in a position to give an answer.

DILATORINESS DENIED

Answering Mr. C. R. Attlee (Leader of the Labour Opposi-

tion) Mr. Chamberlain denied there had been any dilatoriness in the methods for securing collateral security. — Reuter.

Optimistic View Of Soviet Agreement Prospects

London, To-day.

An optimistic view of the chances of Britain and the Soviet coming to an agreement, is taken by the Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The correspondent attaches much importance to the interview yesterday between the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, and the new Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that the British Ambassador asked if Russia still stands by the proposals made to Britain on April 16.

The Moscow correspondent of the journal says that a conference which Stalin had on Sunday with select members of the Central Executive Committee led to a better understanding for the British point of view. — Trans-Ocean.

DEATH OF MR. F.M. XAVIER

A member of the staff of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master for over 50 years, Mr. Francisco Maria Xavier passed away early this morning at the age of 69.

He was a highly respected member of the Portuguese community and his loss will be widely felt. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters.

The funeral, which takes place this afternoon, will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

ICHANG BOMBED

Ichang, To-day.

Ichang, was subjected to two severe air raids yesterday morning. Some 50 civilians were killed and wounded and over 80 houses were wrecked. — Central News.

MARTIAL LAW FOR THREE HOURS

Canton, To-day.
Martial law was again proclaimed all over Canton at 6 o'clock this morning, and lasted till 9 a.m.

Lorryloads of armed Japanese troops frequently passed Shakee in the direction of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

It was rumoured that Chinese forces are very active north of Canton along the Canton-Hankow line.

Official reason given for the imposition of martial law was "cleaning up unruly elements." — Reuter.

POTEMKIN IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, To-day.

The Soviet Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin, arrived here yesterday morning.

In the afternoon M. Potemkin conferred with the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, and left for Moscow in the evening. — Trans-Ocean.

NO CHANGE IN SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY

London, To-day.

The fact that Sir William Seeds, our Ambassador in Moscow, saw M. Molotov, the new Soviet Foreign Commissar, and handed him the text of the British proposals, shows that the British authorities have received satisfactory assurances that M. Litvinoff's retirement implies no change in Soviet foreign policy, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is also shown that there are hopes that the British counter-proposals will serve as the basis of mutual understanding.

Although the British offer does not accept the Russian suggestion for what would virtually have been an alliance, there is ground for the belief that it was based on collaboration on a reciprocal basis in the event of aggression against central or south European States bordering on Russia.

There would be consultation and an exchange of information, but at no moment would there appear to be any specific proposals regarding the shape collaboration should assume. — Reuter.

SOVIET FILLS A VACANT POST

Warsaw, To-day.

The Soviet Minister to Athens, M. Scharone, has been appointed Ambassador to Poland. Since the last Soviet Ambassador to Warsaw, M. Davtjan, disappeared in Autumn 1937, the post has been vacant. — Trans-Ocean.

ARGUS VISITING

The French gunboat Argus is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow on a short visit; she has been stationed in Canton.

Bringing to an end her visit to Hong Kong, the U.S.S. Astoria, 10,000-ton cruiser, is to sail for Manila and the United States to-morrow.

EUROPEAN LADY A VICTIM

Mrs. Wagner, of No. 224, Nathan Road, this morning appeared as complainant before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when Lan Fuk, 24, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for snatching her handbag.

Mrs. Wagner was waiting for a bus at the corner of Nathan and Austin Roads when she was snatched her bag and handbag. He was caught by a European.

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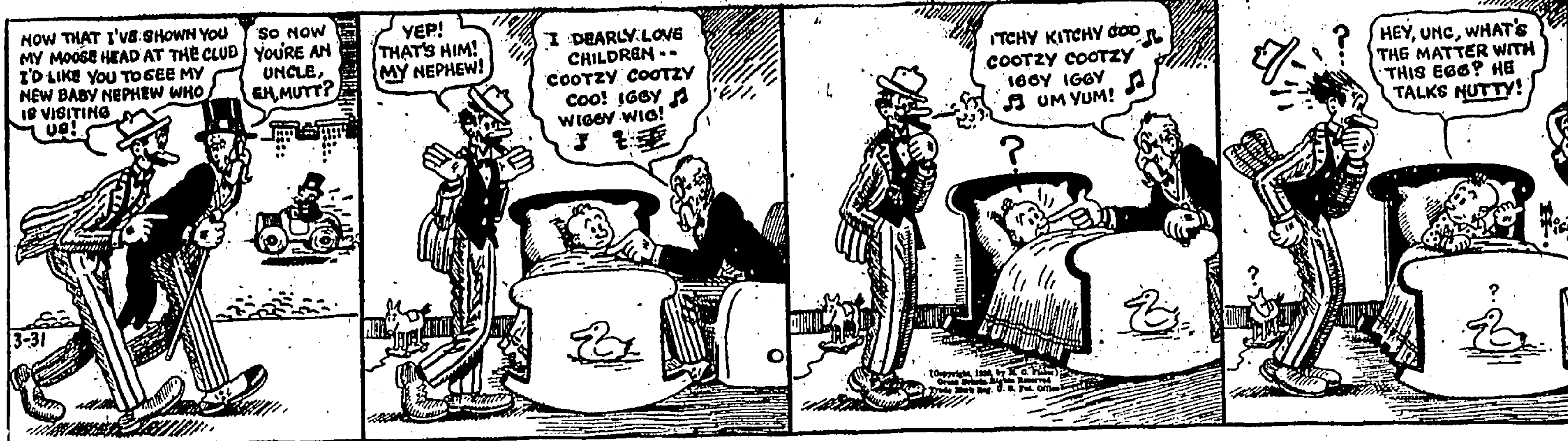
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

A SHARE OF GOSSIP

After sixteen years Emily Stark was going to leave her husband. She sat alone in her bedroom, waiting for him to come home. To-night she would tell him. To-night everything would be settled, and to-morrow she would be away with Chester Moore. Idly she thought of Chester. He was pleasant and tall and genial. And rich. Otherwise there was nothing particularly impressive about him. He lacked the fire and energy of John, her husband.

Vindictively she thought how sick to death she was of men of John's type. Of John. He had been too occupied with his work, with building up his business. That was the reason they had begun drifting apart. He had had no time for his family.

Suddenly her mind leaped to Haidee Pearson. Curious why she should think of Haidee. Then a voice way down deep in her heart told her that Haidee was the cause, the real cause, of the trouble between her and John. If she hadn't seen them together that night at the Flamingo Club, if she had heard no whispered gossip. She and John would have kept on drifting—drifting until he made the first move that would break things off. That was why she was going to tell him to-night. She couldn't stand having

"Dad! Mother! Gee, I thought you'd never come."

"How do you feel, son? What happened? No, don't bother to tell us now. You're coming out of this all right. We'll see you through — your mother and I."

Tears came into the boy's eyes. "I'm all right. At first I was glad it happened. I thought, well, if I died, then things wouldn't matter any more." He looked from one to the other of them. "But now—it's different. You're here—together. I'm all right now."

Emily tried hard to swallow the lump that had come into her throat. Then she put her head down on the pillow beside her son's and cried. After awhile she stood up. John was waiting for her at the door.

A doctor entered the room. "Is he all right? Everything be all right, doctor?"

The doctor went over to the bed and looked at Robert and then came back to the two by the door. "He'll be all right—now. For awhile we were worried. He didn't seem to want to recover." He looked at the boy's parents curiously. "He'll be all right — now."

Outside, John and Emily walked slowly down the corridor. Neither spoke, nor looked at the other. At the end of the corridor was a small con-

By Karl Grayson

him be the first to broach the subject. It would be too great a blow to her pride. Her pride was about all she had left.

The telephone on her bedside table shrilly interrupted her thoughts. She waited until it rang a second time, then picked up the receiver. A woman's voice answered. She wanted Mrs. John Stark.

"This is Mrs. Stark."

"This is the city hospital, Mrs. Stark. Your son, Robert, has been in an accident. You'd better get down here as quickly as you can."

Emily's heart stopped beating, then again, pounding wildly, "Is he—is he—She couldn't finish the sentence.

The voice came back cool and reassuring. "There's no need for immediate worry, Mrs. Stark. He's asking for you and his father."

"Oh!" She dropped the phone, whirled, stopped. John was standing in the doorway. She stared at him.

"What is it? What's happened?" He took hold of her shoulders and shook her. "Has something happened to Robert?"

"Yes. He's had an accident. He's at the City hospital."

Without a word he turned and went out. She caught up a wrap and followed him downstairs.

"The car's out front," he told her. He had his hat and coat on, was holding the door. John got behind the wheel. The machine leaped down the drive. He drove fast, but not recklessly. His face was cold, inscrutable. Emily wanted to talk, wanted to say something.

"John, is it our fault? We haven't been very good parents. Oh, John, he mustn't die!"

"He won't die," said John. "We won't let him die." She felt closer to him then than she had in years.

A nurse admitted them to the hospital room. Robert was conscious, writing. His handsome, boyish face lighted at sight of them.

servatory. It was empty and they entered.

"Emily, I guess we haven't been good parents. I guess things have been happening that we never dreamed about."

"Yes," Emily said. "Yes, John. I—I feel so ashamed and guilty."

He took her hands and held it awkwardly. "There! Now there's no need to blame yourself. It was — I guess I'm to blame all around."

"John! You're no more to blame than I. Even if you and Haidee Pearson—" She broke off, biting her lip, regretting the impulse that had made her mention Haidee's name.

John's eyebrows went up. For a moment the lines about his mouth hardened. Then he smiled. "A man has his pride, too, you know. Haidee was the best I could do on such short notice."

"Emily looked up quickly. "You — mean —?"

He nodded. "I couldn't see you getting all the gossip. I figure I deserved a little." Then abruptly he began to laugh, and Emily laughed too, and suddenly she was in his arms and Chester and Haidee and the gossips and everything else that had been wrong seemed far away, blessedly far away.

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Military Training Bill Inadequate: Lloyd George

SOVIET NEEDED FOR BRITAIN TO REDEEM GUARANTEES

London, To-day.

"There is great concern throughout the country in regard to whether the safety of the country is not being endangered by the reluctance of the Government to come to an understanding with Russia."

Captain Wedgwood Benn (Labour, Gorton) made this statement in the House of Commons yesterday during the debate on the second reading of the Military Training Bill.

Captain Benn added: "The country is also concerned whether the proposals of the Bill are not some sort of counter-balance to an understanding with Russia."

Mr. W. S. Morrison, on behalf of the Defence Co-ordination Minister, said that in forming the militia, the Government was resurrecting a force which had never yet failed to do its duty in times of danger to our liberties.

NO GROUND FOR FEARS

Mr. Morrison declared that undoubtedly the proposals in the Bill had done more than anything else to remove any doubts that we meant exactly what our guarantees said.

Mr. Morrison claimed the proposal had the support of the whole country, and certainly had the support of the young men most vitally affected.

He declared there was no ground for fears that the Bill would affect the position of the Trade Unions.

INADEQUATE

Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal) said he was in duty bound to support the Government, but was of opinion that the actual numbers of men summoned were grossly inadequate.

Arguing in favour of an agreement with Russia, Mr. Lloyd George declared that Germany and Italy disposed of twice the number of men which France, Poland and Britain could put in the field.

Without Russia, our guarantees to Poland, Rumania and Greece could not be redeemed.

Mr. Lloyd George said Japan was out for domination in the East.

THE GAPS

During the Great War we had a reinforcement of 1,000,000 men from India, and the French had 500,000 from Indo-China.

How are we going to fill these gaps without Russia and with Japan an enemy? he asked. — Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM

London, To-day.

There was considerable criticism in the House of Commons yesterday during the debate on the Military Training Bill, which had its second reading.

Mr. Gordon Macdonald (Opposition Labour) opposed the Bill on the ground that it did not have the approval of the country and was unnecessary.

Lt.-Col. Sir Edward Grigg (Conservative) said Mr. Lloyd George had made out an unanswerable case for the Bill, "but Russia or no Russia, if challenged, I do not doubt

we will give a very good account of ourselves."

Sir Edward suggested the Government introduce a measure pledging the country to universal liability to serve in case of war and abolish the National Register.

A BETTER GESTURE

Sir Stafford Cripps (Labour) opposing the Bill, suggested the Prime Minister would make a much more effective gesture to the world if he entered into an agreement with Russia forthwith.

Mr. J. McGovern (Independent Labour) said the Independent Labour Party would do everything in its power to encourage the young men of the country to refuse to fight and to resist conscription.

Major Sir Ronald Ross (Conservative, Londonderry) opposed drawing any distinction between North Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom.

HAD NOT SHOWN NEED

Mr. C. R. Attlee (Labour Opposition Leader) said the Government had not shown the military need for the Bill, nor had they shown unquestionably that the men required could not be provided by the voluntary system.

The Bill was a surrender to the conscriptionists at home and to not very well informed demands from abroad, and behind the Bill loomed the spectre of industrial conscription.

BELISHA'S REPLY

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, in reply to the debate, said the Government had received message after message from foreign countries, reiterating that a measure of conscription, above all other acts by the Government, would give them hope and greater assurance in pursuing the cause common to us all. — Reuter.

DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who replied for the Government, agreed with the Labour spokesman in thinking that the remarkable character of the achievement of the British voluntary system had been insufficiently appreciated abroad.

There had probably been nothing quite like it in the world, and the fact ought to be proclaimed.

Mr. Morrison explained, however, that magnificent as the results of the voluntary system were, they

LABOUR AMENDMENT DEFEATED

London, To-day.

The Labour amendment to the Military Training Bill was defeated in the House of Commons yesterday by 387 votes to 145.

The Bill was read a second time without division. — Reuter.

did not meet the special needs of modern conditions, under which they had a long period of tension before war actually broke out, which necessitated in peace time the manning of defences against the possibility of a sudden unheralded attack.

The voluntary system was shaped to deal with a situation based on different assumptions from those actually prevailing.

To secure the safety of the country they had to remould the defence system to meet the needs of the modern technique of aggression, and the Minister argued that was justification of the measure of conscription now introduced. — British Wireless.

EXPORT SUBSIDY POSSIBLE FOR LANCASHIRE

London, To-day.

With the idea of pressing the Government to help the Lancashire cotton industry, a deputation representing Lancashire local authorities, called on the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Stanley, yesterday.

The discussions lasted two and a half hours.

The delegation submitted a memorandum calling for revision of existing trade agreements and for subsidising the export trade.

POSSIBLE SUBSIDY

An agreed statement subsequently issued says Mr. Stanley stated the Government would continue to do all within its power to promote the interests of industry consistent with the national advantage.

It is understood that Mr. Stanley, who spoke for 50 minutes, intimated that if other things failed, the Government would not rule out the principle of a subsidy. — Reuter.

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THE SHOWDOWN APPROACHING

All the signs point to swift approach of the showdown in Europe—the bluff-calling or calamity. Cards are beginning to appear on the table. Conversion of the Berlin-Rome Axis into a political and military alliance is the biggest that has been played yet, and while that, too, may be just as much a bluff card as many played before, it at least clears the position importantly and gives the Democracies a better perspective in estimating the power of their own hands.

One very valuable result should accrue. The Axis alliance should rid Mr. Chamberlain of his most dangerous illusion, the belief that the Axis partnership could be broken in a game of high money stakes. There should be no further pursuit of this Will-o'-the-Wisp. The Premier is free to concentrate his attention on the anti-aggression front, and will perhaps now see that half-measures are dangerous, particularly in dealing with so potentially valuable an ally as Soviet Russia.

The Government appears to have acted completely oblivious to public opinion in this matter. As that excellently wise Conservative critic of the Government, "The Yorkshire Post," put it the other day, there are large masses "whose instinctive suspicion of the Dictators has led them to conclude—however unwarrantably—that a British Government so ready to accept flimsy promises and transparent assurances from Hitler and Mussolini must itself be inclined towards Fascism."

In other words, public opinion is not only "stirred," anxious, exasperated. It is becoming suspicious.

Those suspicions have been considerably increased by the suggestion of dilly-dally policy over the Soviet Pact. Britain has been disinclined to go as far as the Soviet suggested in the way of alliance, and the reluctances of Poland and Rumania have been used for excuse, although it is admitted that the negotiations with Turkey have been hanging on Anglo-Soviet understanding.

Now that Berlin and Rome have made their position quite clear; even while discreet concerning the purpose of staff talks and the procession of high German military chiefs to Libya; Mr. Chamberlain has a duty clear. This is no time to quibble over the precise terms of anti-aggression undertakings, as long as they cover every possible contingency.

Moving Again

China's war-time capital is again moving west, this time to the city of Chengtu, where the majority of the various Government offices are now busily "moving in."

Apart from political considerations, this decision will, it is to be hoped, spare the lives of many hundreds of Chungking's population now living in daily fear of another murderous attack from

bombing squadrons. But it is a scattered city with a topography more easily readable from the air, unlike Chungking, whose narrow streets and closely-packed houses make it easy for even small bombs to reap a grim havoc in dead and injured.

With the moving of the Government offices to Chengtu, the excuse of "military necessity" used by the Japanese spokesmen to "justify" the reckless bombing of Chungking and concomitant wholesale slaughter is now wholly invalid. Even though events at Nanking and Hankow and the present bombing of Chungking hardly denote the existence of any humanitarian instincts in the hearts of Japan's war-lords and air-lords, yet perhaps Chungking may now be spared on grounds of economy. The lives of the poor are tragically cheap in China, and bombs cost money.

Peace Must Be Earned

The attainment of peace, as the world is gradually coming to realise, is not an easy task. The fact is that peace has got to be earned; it cannot be carelessly picked off the nearest bramble bush. It is a state of thought which has to be carefully nurtured, before it can bear fruit in a man's daily living.

The breakdown in so many of the peace conferences has been due to the disregard of the requirements of peace. No men, distraught in their own minds, ravaged by care, disturbed by the urge of self-interest and greed, are in any fit state to come to terms with peace.

We have been accustomed, recently, to seeing pictures of peace, personified as a forsaken dove or as a woman bound with chains. Nothing, of course, is further from the truth. Peace, itself, is never bound; it is mankind who, deserting peace, seem forsaken and imprisoned by their own wilfulness.

Pace Of Social Reform

In the present century the pace of social reform has quickened, taking shape in the institution of old age pensions, unemployment insurance, health insurance, public housing, slum clearance, and much else; but even this steady drive forward has failed to keep up with the ever-growing demand for improved standards of living and greater benefits from the machines to which the workers are tied.

The success of statismanship to-day may be measured by the degree in which it satisfies the universal demand for social readjustment—a demand, which, being unsatisfied, lies at the root of much of the disturbance, national and international, of our time.

Yet the parallel growth of the war mentality is making it more than ever difficult to carry out due and over-due measures of social reform. Britain is faced with a colossal expenditure on armaments unparalleled in time of peace—an expenditure to which at present no limit is set. When King George VI's Speech was recently read in Parliament the Government was not unreasonably congratulated on contriving to make room for measures dealing with the treatment of criminals, agriculture, public health, and many other matters. Fifty or sixty years ago, such a programme of legislation would have been thought creditable for a single session of Parliament.

DUKE OF WINDSOR

Inspiring Broadcast To America

London, To-day.

"I break my self-imposed silence only because of the manifest danger that we may be approaching a repetition of the grim events of a quarter of a century ago," declared the Duke of Windsor, broadcasting to the United States from the Verdun battlefields last night.

The Duke emphasised he was speaking solely for himself as a soldier of the last War, whose most earnest prayer was that such cruel and destructive madness never again overtake mankind.

Peace, he said, is a matter too vital to be treated as a political question.

In modern warfare, victory will lie with the powers of evil. Anarchy and chaos will be the inevitable results, with misery for all.

This is as true of the German nation as of the British and French.

NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING

There are moments when international understanding has to be deliberately sought and negotiated, and political tension is apt to weaken the spirit of mutual concession.

In our personal contacts we strive to live in harmony with our fellow men, otherwise civilisation could never come into existence.

Are we now going to destroy civilisation by failing to do internationally what we learnt to do individually?

POISONING MINDS

The Duke advanced discouragement of harmful propaganda which tends to poison the minds of peoples.

"I personally deplore the use of terms like encirclement and aggression, which arouse dangerous passions which it should be the aim of all of us to subdue.

"Statesmen who set themselves to restore international security and confidence must act as good citizens of the world, not only as good Frenchmen, Italians, Germans, Americans and Britons.

TERRIBLE FATE

"The greatest success any government could achieve for its own national policy would be nothing as compared with the triumph of contributing to save humanity from the terrible fate threatening to-day.

"It is not for me to put forward concrete proposals. That must be left to those with the power to guide nations towards a closer understanding.

"God grant they may accomplish this great task before it is too late." —Reuter.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that a course of Air Raid Warden lectures in Chinese will be held at Queen's College, Hong Kong, on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. commencing on Friday, May 12. The lectures will be given by the Air Raid Warden.

ITALIAN ARMY TO BE "READY"

Rome, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Supreme Council met at the Palazzo Venezia under the presidency of Mussolini, and considered "measures being taken to make the army entirely ready."

The Prince of Piedmont, Marshal Badoglio, Marshal Graziani, and General Pariani, Chief of General Staff, were among those present. — Reuter.

Burgos, To-day.

Spain has withdrawn from the League of Nations. — Reuter.

LITHUANIA AND POLAND

Kaunas, To-day.

Lithuania has no intention of entering into a military pact with Poland, it was announced here yesterday, following foreign press reports that the visit of the Lithuanian Chief of Staff to Warsaw was for the purpose of discussing such a pact. — Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. RECRUITING

London, To-day.

A total of 1,071 recruits joined the R.A.F. last week compared with 328 in the corresponding week last year. — British Wireless.

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BATTERY OF QUESTIONS ON CHINA IN COMMONS

Japanese Demands On International Settlement

LABOUR'S CONSCRIPTION PROTESTS

London, To-day.

Labour demonstrations in protest against the introduction of compulsory military service were held all over England yesterday.

The deputy leader of the Labour Party, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, addressed a huge meeting in Sheffield and declared that the Prime Minister had broken his given word. With reference to foreign policy, Mr. Greenwood using exceptionally sharp words said "It is a fool's policy made by fools."

"The Government consists of cowards who are unwilling to take full responsibility."

Mr. Greenwood advocated a policy which would stiffen the resistance of the small nations and demanded a triple alliance between Britain, France and Soviet Russia. — Trans-Ocean.

CENTRAL NEWS MAN KILLED

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Li Yao-ching, manager of the Hankow branch of the Central News Agency, who was seriously wounded during the Japanese air raids on Chungking, passed away yesterday morning.

Mr. Li was manager of the Hankow branch for many years. After the fall of Hankow, he went to the head office at Chungking which was demolished during the May 4th raid. — Central News.

Britain Will Assist Council To Resist

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A MAJOR PART OF QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WAS DEVOTED TO QUERIES ON CHINA AFFAIRS.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Conservative, Stourbridge) asked, apropos the new Central Bank in Nanking, whether steps will be taken to safeguard British trade and in respect of a currency which traders as a whole do not recognise.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied that His Majesty's Government were in communication with the Japanese Government on the subject.

Capt. Alan Graham (Conservative, Wirral) asked whether British businessmen and property-owners in Nanking were able to return there.

If not, what action was the Government taking.

Mr. Butler announced that a limited number of passes had been granted to Britons to return to Nanking, and frequent representations had been made to the Japanese authorities both on the number of passes and the conditions under which they were issued.

MILITARY RESPONSIBLE

Mr. Butler added that His Majesty's Government consider the Japanese military authorities, who

are in effective control, must be held responsible for the safety of British property in Nanking, while British interests are watched over by a resident consular officer.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Conservative, Kidderminster) sought information on the Japanese demands regarding the Shanghai Municipal Council, and suggested that no modification of the Council or Land Regulations be entertained without a joint conference of all Treaty Powers and China.

Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) suggested that Britain should decline to consider any change as long as the Japanese military authorities are occupying the Hongkew and Yangtsepoo districts.

TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE

Mr. Butler, replying to both questions jointly, said the Foreign Secretary had not yet received the full text of the statement expressing the Japanese desire for changes in the International Settlement, including changes in the Council.

Mr. Butler understood that similar communications had been made to the United States Ambassador in Tokyo and to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

In the meantime, he explained, the constitution of the Council was fixed by the Land Regulations.

No changes in the Land Regulations are legally valid without the assent of the Chinese Government, nor would His Majesty's Government concur in such changes without full consideration with all other parties concerned.

BRITISH AID TO S.M.C.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne asked whether, if the Japanese pressed for changes in the Council which in effect would bring the Council largely under Japanese domination, Britain would assist the Council to resist such proposals.

Mr. Butler: Yes. His Majesty's Government concur that no changes shall take place without full consultation with the other parties concerned.

Capt. Graham asked whether the British Ambassador in China had reported on his recent visit to Tsingtao regarding the difficulties British residents are encountering in conducting business in the face

UNEMPLOYMENT

Another Sharp Fall

London, To-day.

THERE was a further reduction in unemployment last month.

The Ministry of Labour estimates that the number of insured persons in employment in Great Britain at April 17 was approximately 12,511,000 — 108,000 more than the month before and on a comparable basis, 270,000 more than a year before.

At the same date registered unemployment totalled 1,644,394, comprising 1,343,295 wholly unemployed, 238,729 temporarily laid off and 62,370 normally in casual employment.

This total was 82,535 less than in March and 103,370 less than in April, 1938. — British Wireless.

NICARAGUA CANAL SCHEME PRESSED

Washington, To-day.

General Somoza, President of Nicaragua, who is visiting Washington, yesterday pledged in an address to the Senate the support of Latin-American nations in keeping "American institutions" free from foreign interference.

"With full realisation of the differences in our relative capacity, I wish to state that we nations who are the smallest in size are ready to the limit of our ability to share with you, the greatest and most powerful, all efforts and sacrifices involved in the collective task of keeping our American institutions free from any interference foreign to our Continent and ideology."

NICARAGUA CANAL

Later, General Somoza made a similar declaration to the House of Representatives.

He appealed for Congress support of the proposal to construct a canal across Nicaragua linking the Pacific and Atlantic. — Reuter.

BALBO IN CAIRO

Cairo, To-day.

Air Marshal Balbo, Governor of Libya, arrived here by air yesterday. — Trans-Ocean.

of Japanese obstruction.

FULLY INFORMED

Mr. Butler said no special report or recommendations had been received, but the Government was kept fully informed of the situation, and there was a resident Consul-General at the port. — Reuter.



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£176,933,236 GOT FROM COAL

Great Britain's coal output for the year ended December 31 last amounted to 219,760,285 tons, according to statistics issued by the Mines Department yesterday.

FREED: FELL DEAD

Leopoldo Torentera, found guilty of murder in April, 1937, and serving a life sentence in the prison at Mexico City, was told that he had been freed under an amnesty law of last November.

Leopoldo had a heart attack and fell down dead.

The amount disposable commercially was 203,813,034 tons. During the year 46,349,857 tons were shipped for export and foreign bunkers.

Costs of production accounted for a total of £164,189,886, wages showing a figure of £107,653,734. Royalties amounted to £4,923,061. Commercial disposals totalled £176,933,236.

People employed in all mines numbered 739,931. The output per man-shift was 22.96 cwt.

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LAW LIST STILL GROWING

Despite the international situation, the list of actions confronting judges of the King's Bench Division is bigger than ever. Total number of causes for trial is 1,376, compared with 1,011 a year ago. The lists now published show sixty-one libel actions, three breach of promise actions and one "entertainment" case.

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PROPAGANDA OF EARLY TIMES

Early forms of propaganda, dating from the fifteenth century, have been discovered by archaeologists at Vaucouleurs, Lorraine, in France. They are restoring the famous castle of Joan of Arc there. The find consists of crude metal discs for distribution inscribed "Long Live the King of France."

It was from Vaucouleurs Castle that Joan of Arc left in 1429 on her dramatic journey, which had its climax in the market place at Rouen. There she was burned as a heretic while English soldiers kept guard.

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MET BROTHER TO ARREST HIM

Meeting his brother for the first time in several years, Ferdinand Holt, an Indianapolis (U.S.) detective told him: "Sorry to do this, brother, but you are under arrest." He had a warrant concerning a charge of non-payment of radio instalments.

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HOW AFRICA BUYS BRITISH

Durban, in South Africa buys British buses and although that costs a little extra, the town has found ways of economising. It can save money by ordering the chassis and bodies separately. It has accepted tenders for three Daimler chassis with Gardner engines and for English Electric 40-seater bodies from separate firms. Three double-deck buses are being ordered the same way.



With the situation in the Mediterranean acute, more British troops are being sent to reinforce strategic positions. The Welsh Guards entrained at Waterloo Station on April 22 en route for Gibraltar. Photo shows the Welsh Guards passing over Westminster Bridge on their way to Waterloo.

92 NEVER III

Ninety-two-year-old Mr. Nipton Ayres, of Addlestone, Surrey claims that he has never been confined to bed through illness. He has perfect sight and can hear a pin drop.

THEIR NUMBER ISN'T UP

Netherton, near Huddersfield, for years has been a village of numberless houses. Which doesn't mean that they cannot be counted; they just didn't have number, not one of the 700 them, until a few months ago.

When the village was absorbed into Huddersfield Borough, the Corporation decided to give it a more urban aspect by fixing name-plates in streets and lanes and allocating house numbers. Netherton folk should have been pleased . . . but they were not.

The name-plates they didn't mind so much, but the numbers . . . "Going all towny," said Netherton in disgust. Many of the residents refuse to use the numbers.

Mighty hard on the postman, you may say. Not a bit of it. Postman William Dowthwaite is a native of Netherton. He knows everybody, and where they live.

He has been delivering letters in the district for many years—he's round about fifty now—and he doesn't need any new-fangled numbering system to guide him.

ALDERSHOT TATTOO MAKES PROFIT OF £42,200

Last year the Aldershot tattoo was once again financially successful. After paying all expenses, and after handing over to the Eastern Command Trust £10,000, there remained a sum of £46,200 for distribution according to the Trust terms.

The Tattoo this year takes place at Rushmoor Arena on June 7—10 and 13—17 inclusive.

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DOOR OPENS ITSELF

Ee, lad! There's a champion bit of fun to be had at t'new Casino on't pleasure beach at Blackpool.

Walk towards the doors of the grill-room and they open as you approach. Go in and they close behind you. And the best of it is that nobody touches the doors. It's magic! say the Lancashire lads and lasses.

The "magic," of course, lies in the breaking of a selenium ray by the body of the person approaching the door. But few people know that, and so the fun goes on.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard at Tottenham police court:—

Man: Even when my wife's mother came to live with us I still went on working as though nothing had happened.

Clerk: Are you prepared to take the oath?

Defendant: I'll take anything.

100 STUDENTS IN BY-ELECTION

By A Special Correspondent

Seven national youth organisations, representing 100,000 men and women, are backing Mr. Gabriel Carritt, who is fighting the by-election in the Abbey Division of Westminster as an Independent Youth candidate. Mr. Carritt is thirty.

Some 100 students have left Oxford for London to help him in his campaign.

The home of Mr. Richard Acland, Liberal M.P. for Barnstaple, in Ebury-street, London, temporary headquarters of the Abbey Division Independent Committee.

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"BRING IN RUSSIA"

With their help the committee was able to deliver in one day nearly 50,000 leaflets to constituents.

Mr. Carritt's campaign is a challenge to the foreign policy of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

"We are sick to death of messages to Mussolini to buy him off further aggressions," "We want a united peace bloc including Soviet Russia."

"Britain's youth want something definite when they are asked to back up national service."

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"POCKET MONEY" POND

There's a "pocket money" pond at Walthamstow, E. 17.

It provides local boys with a regular source of income, the catch toads!

The more enterprising boys have been coining money these Easter holidays. One customer bought six toads and three small fish for threepence.

The toad market is a busy scene when the "catch" has been good. Often there are a dozen small boys, each with his own stall, and competition is keen.

No one seems to know how long this oddest of London's markets has been going on. But elderly men in the district recall that they used to sell toads in Walthamstow just deck buses are being ordered the same way.

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The King and Queen photographed at a London A.R.P. display re-
cently. Their Majesties, in their visit to Canada and the United
States, are continuing a tradition of their family.

the Duchess of York left for a tour
of Kenya Colony, Uganda and the
Sudan. Some of the many admir-
ers of the Duchess would rather
have seen her off for a holiday on
the Riviera. But she smiled at
them with the smile that won the
hearts of the people of Paris a
year ago, and went off gaily to the
wilds of Africa.

As their train passed through the
game preserve on the way to
Nairobi, the Duke, with the Duchess
beside him, sat on the front of the
engine, as his father had done in
Canada, and watched the antelopes
and gazelles, and the zebra which
disported themselves beside the rail-
way line.

Crossing the northern portion of
the Victoria Nyanza, that great
inland sea, the Royal travellers went
on through Uganda, which only a
few years before had been a hot-bed
of African savagery. When Stanley
traversed the country, seeking the
true source of the Nile, he carried
his life in his hand, but Uganda was
safe enough for the Duchess even
though she did have to sleep in mud
huts, foot it from camp to camp, and
ward off swarms of mosquitoes.

It was a rest for the Duke and
Duchess when they were able to
was then) and board the steamer for a five weeks

voyage down the Nile. Their last
night in camp will, no doubt, long
be remembered by the Duchess, for
twice in a fierce gale her tent was
blown over, and as the rain was
falling in a deluge both she and her
belongings were soaked. All the
way along the mighty river the
natives honoured them with
ceremonial dances and displays.

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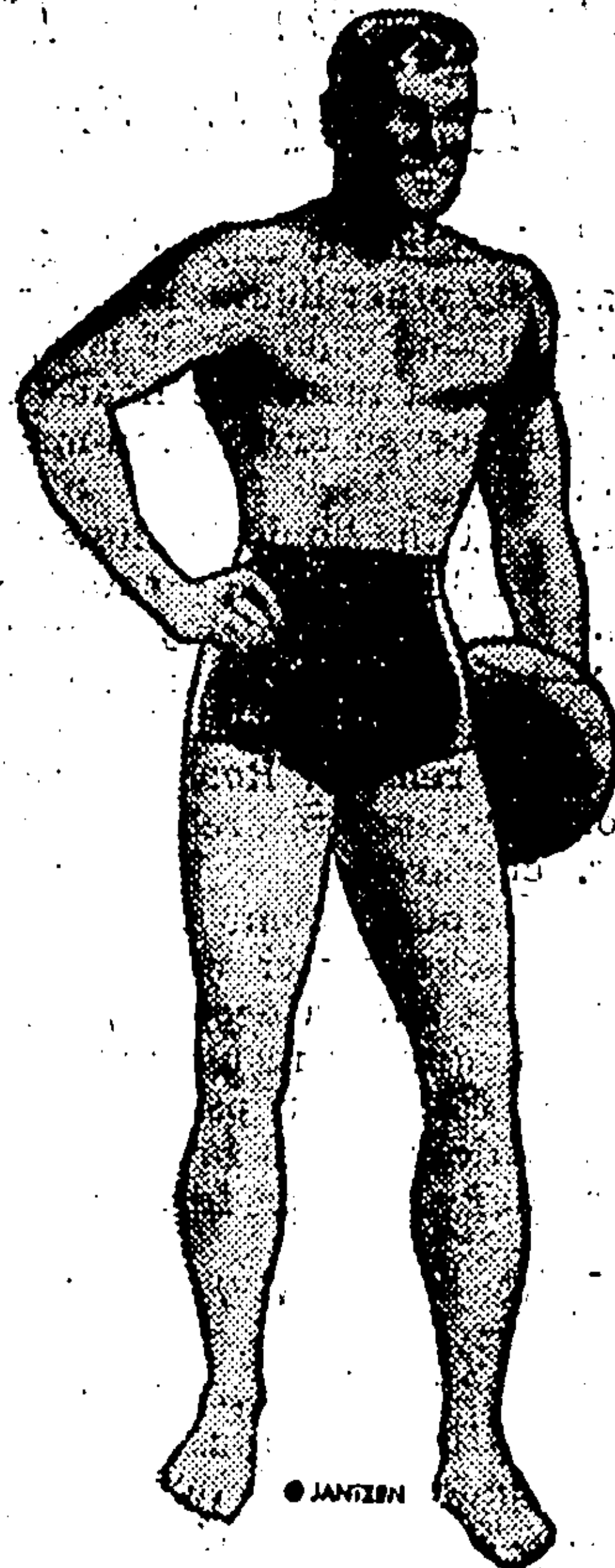
There followed a period at home
when Princess Elizabeth was born,
and it was not until she was about
eight or nine months old that the
Duke and Duchess undertook that
much longer journey to Australia
and New Zealand. Their course
lay through the West Indies and the
Panama Canal to Fiji.

In New Zealand the visit included
many State ceremonies, but the
Duchess found a little time to spend
with Sergeant Bennett, whose
family had lived on the Glamis es-
tate, her Scottish home, for nearly
a century, and who was himself a
soldier of the Black Watch when her
brother, Captain Fergus Bowes-
Lyon, of that regiment, was fatally
wounded at the battle of Loos.

Australia gave the Royal couple a
very good time. The main object
of the journey was for the Duke to
open the new buildings of the Com-
monwealth Parliament at Canberra.
That duty of a day fulfilled, the re-
maining weeks of the visit were
spent on the southern continent in
free association with all classes. At
Bendigo the Duke, familiarly
known as "Digger," accepted a
specimen of gold-bearing quartz
from a mine which had already
yielded \$80,000,000 worth of the
precious metal; and at Ballarat, the
scene of the great gold-rush of 1851,
"Digger's" wife was presented with
a napkin ring of Ballarat gold for
the Princess Elizabeth.

One incident which took the po-
pular fancy was the presentation by
two little girls in another township
to the Duchess of a threepenny bit
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homeward voyage it carried nearly
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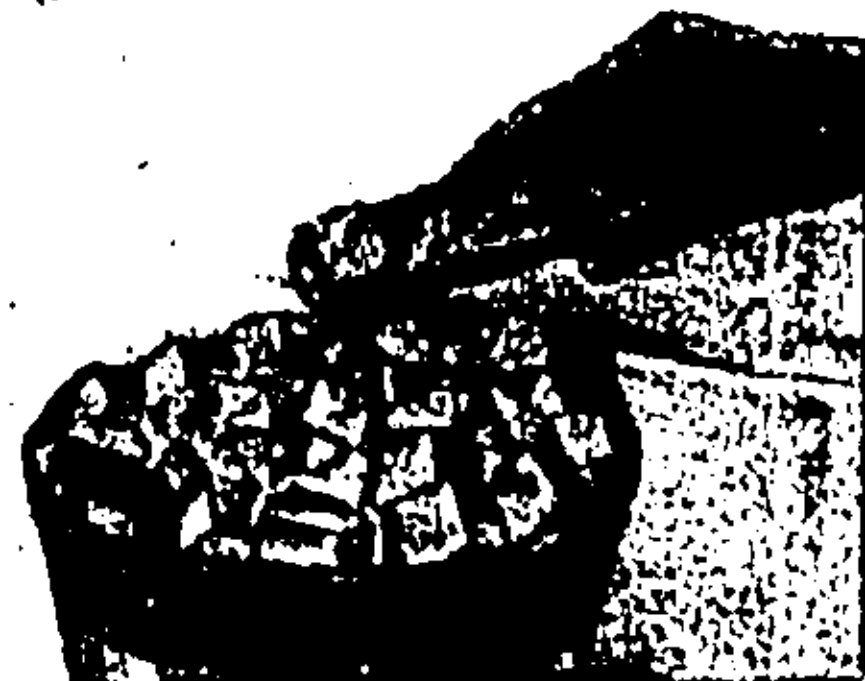
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Custards Bring Gay Note Into Everyday Cookery

HOW TO MAKE AND HOW TO SERVE THEM

CUSTARDS bring a light-hearted note into cookery. All cooks, at some time or other, must have felt grateful to the first of their line who discovered that beaten eggs and heated milk are well mated and when sweetened and flavoured constitute a delectable dish.

Perhaps one of the attractions of the custard is that, while of old renown, it keeps always up to date. Old manuscript cookery books record treasured family recipes for custard, and the latest sweets, which bring all the piquant charm of novelty, often owe much to the clever use of a delicately flavoured, well-made custard as one of their ingredients.

But the preparation of custards, easy though it may seem, brings a certain amount of anxiety to many cooks. They are haunted by the fear that the custard may curdle in the process of making, and tragedy thus overtake their sweet dish.

HOW TO MAKE CUSTARDS

The secret of making a smooth, velvety custard lies in the fact that eggs set, or thicken, at a temperature far below boiling point. To be exact, anything from 140 deg. F. to 180 deg. F. will set an egg. This is about 40 deg. lower than the boiling point of water, 212 deg. F.

This very simple rule is the most important thing we should know about eggs, for it makes every aspect of egg cookery perfectly clear. It explains, for instance, why curds, sauces and custards made with eggs will "curdle" if they are boiled. A poached egg is a good example of this point, for it "sets" when you drop it into hot water, but it "breaks" if the water is allowed to boil rapidly.

It the same way, if you beat an egg to blend the white and yolk and

then mix it with milk, fruit juice or any other liquid, it will set or thicken that liquid if it is stirred gently over a moderate heat—in a double saucepan or a "bain-marie" preferably.

If the liquid is allowed to boil the white of the egg sets too hard and "breaks" into tiny lumps. The mixture "curdles" and goes watery, and once this has happened there is no remedy. Remember the rule of low-temperature cooking for all egg custards.

Yolks alone can be used for thickening or whites alone. In the first case a deep yellow custard or curd is the result, while with whites a very light, pale-coloured custard which is ideal for serving with summer fruits or for chilling.

SNOW CUSTARD

If egg whites are first beaten to a stiff froth a snow custard can be made.

Take 1 pint of new milk and heat it in a double saucepan with 2oz. sugar until it is very hot. Take four eggs, separate the whites and yolks. Beat the yolks a little and then pour over them the heated milk and sugar. Stir to blend then return to the saucepan with a vanilla pod and stir gently until the mixture thickens.

Meanwhile beat the whites in a large bowl until they are quite stiff. When the custard is thick pour it gently on to the beaten whites—having removed vanilla pod—stirring with a spoon or egg whisk until all is blended. Cover bowl at once to conserve the steam and keep in a warm place until the whites are quite set.

To keep the custard covered until cool will also prevent a skin from forming, and the result will be a foamy custard, soft and smooth.

REFRIGERATOR BAGS

Nearly all cooked food, such as meat, fish or pastry is inclined to become dry in the refrigerator unless wrapped in greaseproof paper or placed in a covered receptacle.

Special refrigerator bags are sold which save a lot of time and trouble. Various sizes are packed in each box, and these bags can be had in greaseproof paper, or in a more transparent paper which enables one to see at a glance the contents of the bag.

The use of these bags in the refrigerator means that no food can absorb the flavour of anything else placed there at the same time, and is also a great saving of space, as no dishes or receptacles are necessary, and many packets of food can be stored in a small space.

SAVOURY ASPARAGUS CUSTARDS

This dish is extremely useful as when in ramekins (six) it makes a first course for a luncheon party or savoury for a dinner party, or baked in a pie dish it makes a quick and easy supper dish for two. Thickly butter six ramekins (or pie dish). Open a small tin of asparagus tips—use fresh cooked asparagus in its season. Cut into lengths of $\frac{1}{2}$ in to $\frac{3}{4}$ in, and line the ramekins. Lightly beat two eggs, stir into two-thirds pint of milk that has been, just warmed, and well seasoned with salt and pepper. Pour this custard mixture into the ramekins, and bake until set. This will require about 25 minutes in a slow oven.

Grate Parmesan or Cheddar cheese on to each custard, decorate with one or two very green asparagus tips, dust lightly with cayenne, and brown under the grill. Serve very hot.

THE MANSE CUSTARD

Where economy must be considered this custard is an excellent substitute for the richer custard. Boil one pint of milk in a double saucepan. Take one new laid egg and break this one to a dessert spoonful of cornflour placed in a basin. Mix this with a spoon till quite smooth.

Add the boiling milk by degrees, stirring all the time. Add one teaspoonful of castor sugar and return mixture to the saucepan and stir, always the same way, for a few minutes till the cornflour has lost its rawness. Do not over-cook it. Flavour with vanilla or any flavouring desired and pour into a jug to cool till required.

A STEAMED CUSTARD

Steamed custards should be cooked in a mould on a double fold of kitchen paper in a saucepan with sufficient boiling water to reach 2-3rds of the depth of the mould. The water must boil gently or the custard will be leathery and full of holes. Sometimes baked custard becomes watery. A successful preventative may be found by placing a few grains of rice in the bottom of the dish before pouring in the custard ready for baking. The grains of rice absorb the whey as it forms, with the result that the custard is quite solid when cooked.

TO VARY THE FLAVOUR

It is the small additions—the unusual flavours—that give custard its interest in the menu and show the skill of the cook.

Here are a few variations:

1. Add one tablespoonful of chopped shelled walnuts to three-quarters pint custard.
2. Add one tablespoonful of ground almonds and beat well.
3. Crush $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz of ratafias, add and beat well.
4. Melt $\frac{1}{2}$ oz butter in a pan, stir in $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz castor sugar. Cool till pale brown. Dissolve in the hot milk and make in the usual way.
5. Use three gills of hot water and three tablespoonfuls of sweetened condensed milk instead of ordinary milk.
6. Sweeten with honey instead of sugar.
7. Just before serving sprinkle with crushed meringue and grated chocolate.

SAVOURY CUSTARD

Line a deep dish with short crust pastry, mince finely any scraps of cold meat, chicken, ham, season to taste, and spread in pastry case to the depth of about two inches.

Make a custard with two well-beaten eggs, three-quarters pint of milk, season with salt and pepper to taste. Place on top of mince and bake in a hot oven until set.

ALMOND CUSTARD

Make a good custard with one pint of milk, two eggs, two dessert-spoonfuls castor sugar and ratafia flavouring to taste.

Bake as usual in a very slow oven until firm. Cover top of custard with a thick layer of apricot jam and serve with rich cream.

This pudding is equally good served cold, in which case whip the cream lightly and heap on top of jam.

80 YEARS' OLD RECIPE

Wash and dry five small laurel leaves. Put these in a saucepan with one pint of new milk and two inches of stick cinnamon. Simmer to extract the flavour—but do not allow to boil. Strain on to two well-beaten eggs—omitting white of one, to which has been added Demerara sugar to taste—about one tablespoonful. Return to clean saucepan and stir until it thickens. When cool add a tablespoonful of sherry. Serve in glasses, with petit fours. Demerara, besides being the best sugar to give sweetness, is good because it darkens the colour.

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by PATRICIA LINDSAY



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Begin With Feet To Prepare For Summer Beauty

Tired feet and ankles quickly etch unbecoming lines in faces! When your feet hurt, you hurt all over and even your disposition takes peculiar turns! So to perk up beauty and banish the seasonal inertia, let's pamper our feet a bit.

After a winter of wearing heavy shoes, rubbers, ski boots, skating shoes, and dancing whenever we can, our feet naturally are weary and they let us know by burning or swelling. In some climates feet actually swell a size larger in the Spring and Summer seasons, and the least we can do to help them along is to give them nightly massages with a cooling lotion or cream, and a weekly pedicure.

TRY THIS ROUTINE

Pour a generous amount of lotion into the palm of your hand and massage each foot thoroughly, preferably after a relaxing bath. Get in between the toes, under the arch and around the ankle.

Supplement this with little exercises such as wiggling the toes and rotating the feet, and trying to pick up marbles with the toes from the floor. Simple but effective in keeping the foot and ankle supple.

Once a week, spread a towel on your bed and give your toes a thorough pedicure. For this it is very nice to have a complete pedicure set which you may buy from one dollar up to five or six. But if you cannot afford such aids, then use your manicuring implements and go through all you would for your finger nails. However, remember to cut your toe nails straight across, do not shape them as you would a fingernail or you might invite trouble.

When it comes to polish, either match that on your fingernails or paint your toe nails a natural rose. If you live in a warm climate and go about in open toe sandals it is

pleasing to see nails match in colour. Otherwise it doesn't matter. I always get a jolt if I see a bathing beauty with blood-red toe nails and perhaps fingernails of an orange-red. Better stick to the natural shades than have such a clash of colour!

Speaking of beaches reminds me of two handsome pedicure sets. One which is cork lined with a drop front to carry with you to the sea (but not to use on the beach, however!) and the other a rather elegant waterproof affair which resembles expensive luggage. It is splendid for travelling as it contains every little aid your feet could crave. You might look these two kits over if you are in the market for a gift to your feet!

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

The time may be ripe to warn someone of the danger in yielding to a temptation to distort or exaggerate facts this day. The truth is likely to be handled in a decidedly careless manner due to the average person's failure to realise that it will play an important part in both home and social circles. If you will give bulldozers a dose of their own medicine, to-day, it probably will prove to be most effective. Bluster and swagger will come naturally to a good many people this day, because of their desire to put over a bluff and to satisfy their vanity through the assumption of arrogant airs. The spirit of thriftiness may be carried too far, particularly if it takes the form of haggling over prices instead of the quality of merchandise. You probably will get, in actual value, just what you pay for, and quality will reveal the judgment that has been used in buying. Turning a deaf ear to arguments is likely to result in serious mistakes being made, especially regarding the attitude someone might take in respect to a policy you wish to pursue in handling a personal problem. Married and engaged couples, as well as those seeking to find happiness in romance, had better practice patience this day, if they expect to have everything work out satisfactorily. Your matrimonial experiences are apt to be very happy ones.

If a woman and May 9 is your birthday, you ought to depend on your own judgment in deciding personal questions involving your peace of mind. You should learn to be optimistic and to look for the decrees of fate being most favourable for your future welfare. As a librarian, research worker, hostess, purchasing agent, writer, actress or artist you might find the means of advancing your personal fortune.

Through marriage your most ambitious dreams may come true.

The child born on May 9 usually can be more easily coaxed than forced into doing things it does not like to do. Popularity, with school-mates and teachers, generally portends a successful future.

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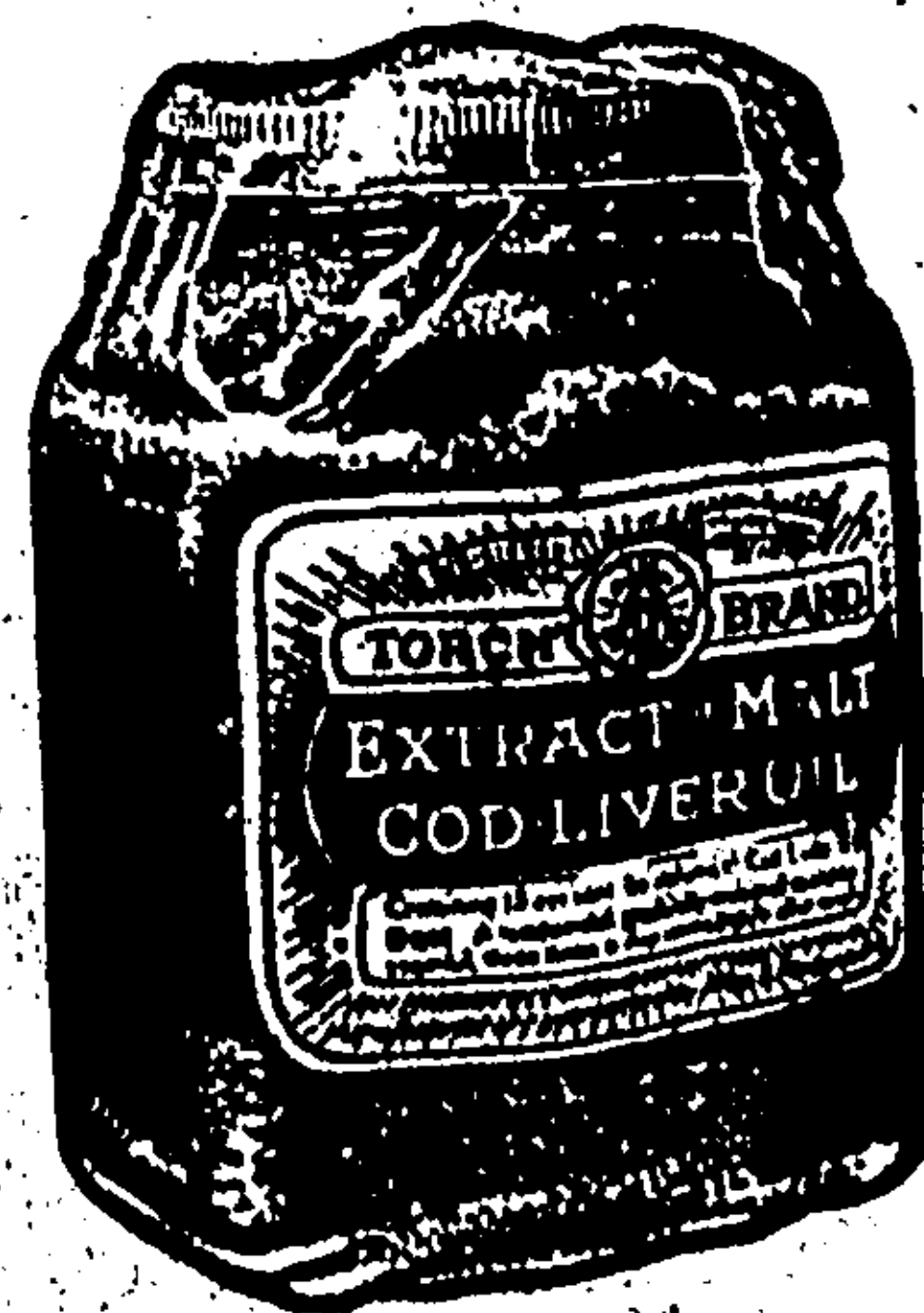
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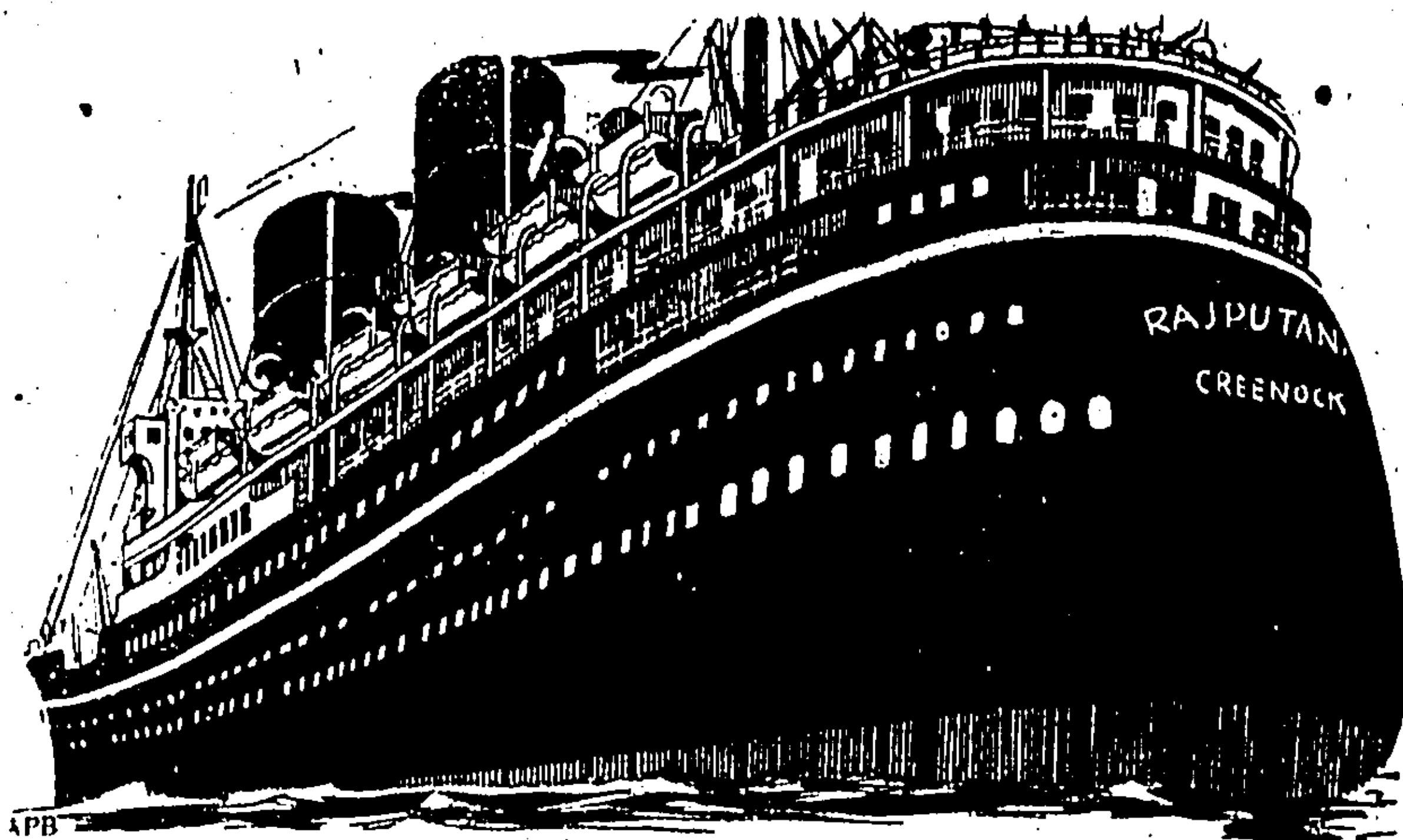
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 9.
Formosa	Canton Maru	May 9.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	May 9.
Saigon	Nanchang	May 10.
Manila	Serooskerk	May 10.
Japan	Tango Maru	May 10.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	May 10.
Tientsin	Hoihow	May 10.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupei	May 10.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	May 10.
Shanghai	Lima Maru	May 10.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 13th April and London Parcels—London date, 6th April	Ranchi	May 10.
Shanghai	Talhybius	May 11.
Shanghai	Matechal Joffre	May 11.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd May	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 15th April).	Pres. Harrison	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 21st April).	Pres. Pierce	May 11.
Straits	Bhutan	May 11.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	May 12.
Straits and Manila	Agamemnon	May 12.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
TUESDAY		
Shanghai and Dairen	Lippe	May 9, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2.00 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kingyuan	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Anhui	May 9, 4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Shanghai and Japan	Pres. Doumer	May 10, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yusang	Wed., May 10, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Taiyuan	Wed., May 10, 1.30 p.m.
Poochow	Chungking	May 10, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., May 10, 2.00 p.m.
Parcels only for Rangoon and Calcutta	Lima Maru	May 10, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Van Heutsz	May 10, 5 p.m.
Canton	Canton Maru	May 10, 7.15 a.m.
THURSDAY		
Amoy	Tjisadane	May 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Ranchi	Thur., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hangsang	Thur., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Chekiang	Thur., May 11, 11.00 a.m.
Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 18th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thur., May 11.
K.P.O.		
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G.P.O.		
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Ord.,	Thur.,	May 11, 7.00 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Pan American Airways plane and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thursday, May 11.
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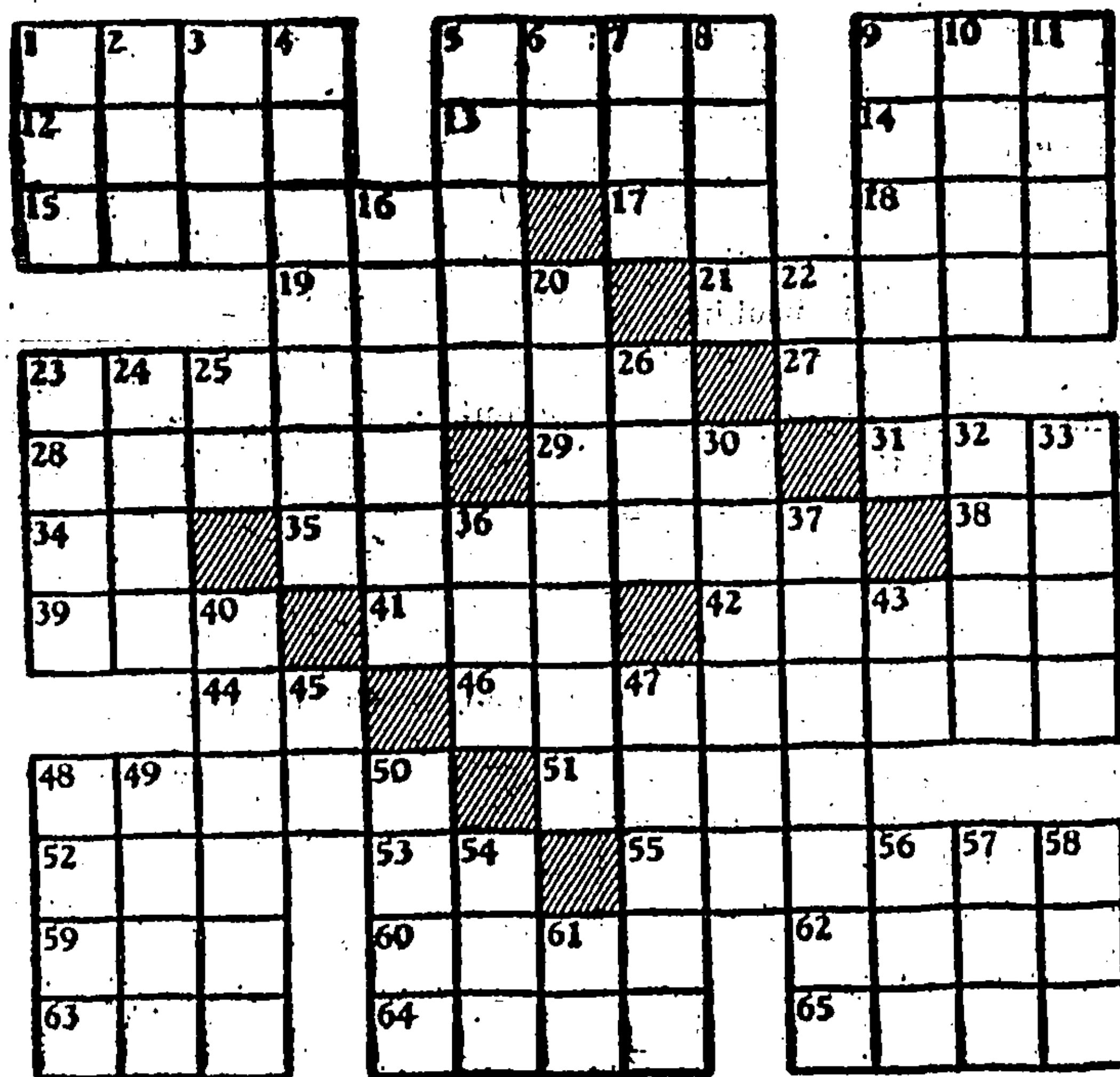
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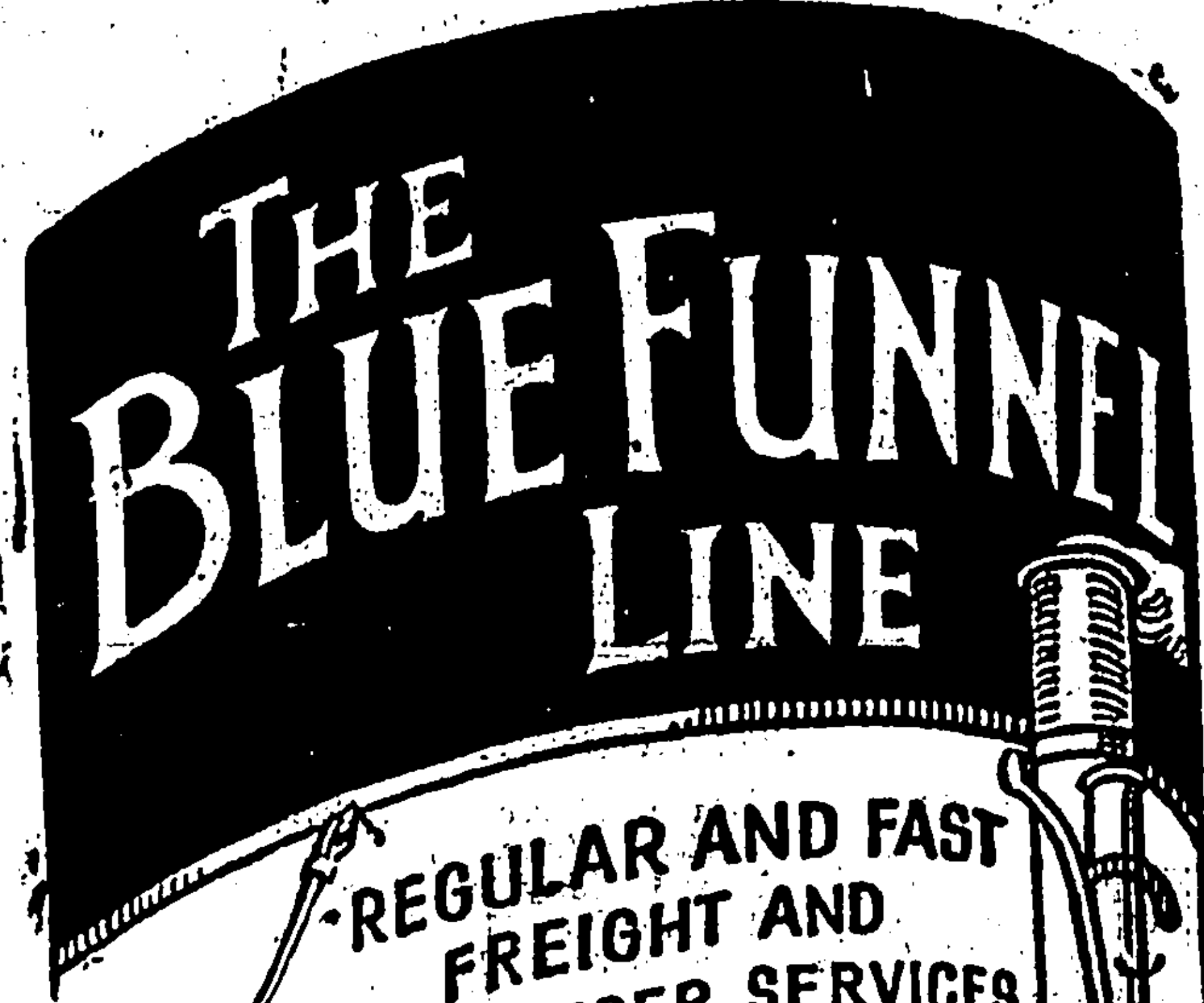
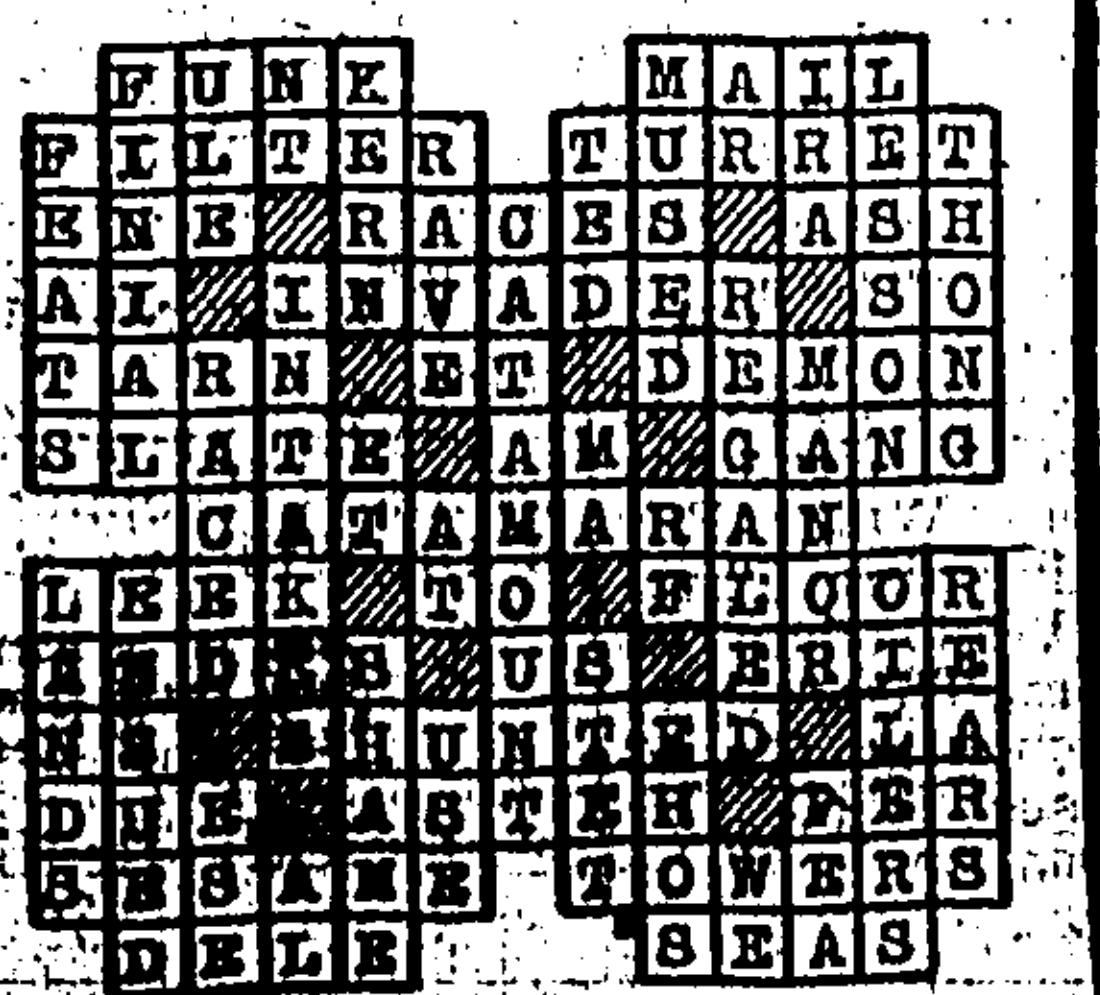
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Kitchen utensils
- 5 A peasant
- 9 Chum
- 12 Bad
- 13 Medley
- 14 Beverage
- 15 To annul
- 17 To perform
- 18 Pedal digit
- 19 Extremely dry
- 21 Afterward
- 23 Supplies
- 27 Pronoun
- 28 A narrow way
- 29 Edible tuber
- 31 A colour
- 34 Article
- 36 Continued stories
- 38 Therefore
- 39 Sweet potato
- 41 Dry
- 43 Musical instrument
- 44 At home
- 46 A foreigner
- 48 Strong cotton cloth
- 51 To hit
- 52 Anglo-Saxon money
- 53 By mistake

VERTICAL

- 1 By means of
- 2 Prayer of invocation
- 3 To cut
- 4 To untangle
- 5 Substantial
- 6 Spanish for "the"
- 7 To free
- 8 Clown
- 9 To mumble
- 10 Medical plant
- 11 A malicious glance
- 16 Springs
- 20 Portrays
- 22 Part of "to be"
- 23 Trifle with
- 24 Genus of frogs
- 25 Concerning
- 26 Ocean
- 30 South American mammal
- 32 Serf
- 33 Exit
- 36 Things in law
- 37 Descending
- 40 Optical illusion
- 43 Symbol for argentine
- 45 Symbol for nickel
- 47 Lassoes
- 48 Rail
- 49 Essential question
- 50 To stir the feelings of
- 54 River in Russia
- 56 And not
- 57 Epoch
- 58 A small soft jump

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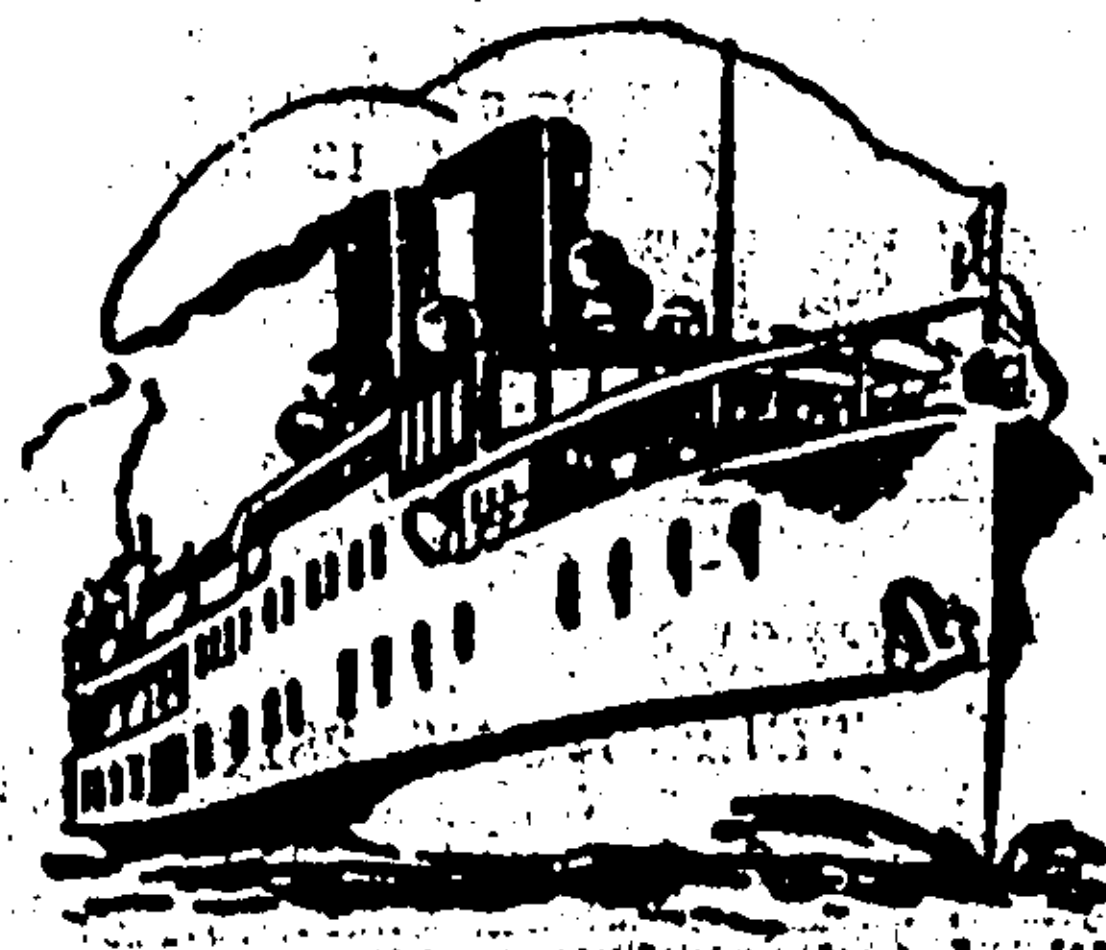
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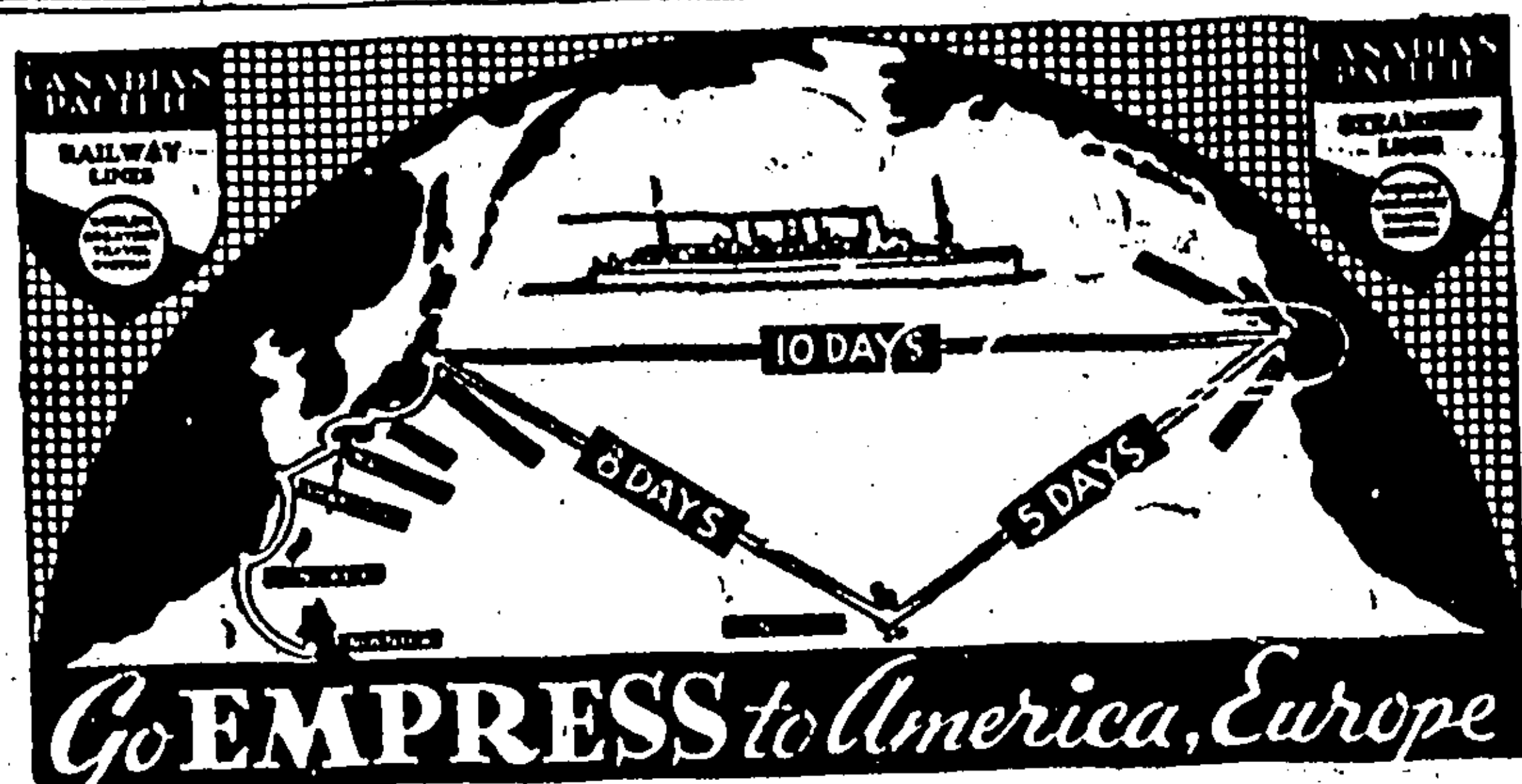
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But, for the benefit of quibbling jurists, heroes of the pen and omniscient warmongers, we have now outwardly, once and for all, confirmed the existing situation, to show to the world definitely, not only the nature of our relations, but also that neither lies nor insinuations, nor attempts to sow discord between the partners of the Axis can have an adverse effect on the solidarity of our two nations." — Trans-Ocean.

CROWD STARTS A RUMOUR

Large crowds standing around the main entrance of the Osaka Syosen Kaisya offices near the Star Ferry pier at about 11 o'clock this morning started rumours that some "person or persons unknown" had thrown a brick through one of the steamship company's windows.

No signs of any such damage could be found by a "China Mail" reporter who visited the scene. On pushing through the crowd to the door, a large notice in Chinese characters offered a partial explanation. The notice said "All bookings to Canton full. Please try another company."

An official of the O.S.K. told the "China Mail" that the offices of the company had been besieged by people trying to book passages to Canton. When told no more passages were available, they stood dumbly around, refusing to go.

They were gradually eased out of the office and a notice was hastily prepared. But the crowd continued to stand around, gazing dumbly through the windows.

LOCAL CYCLING

The activities of the Hong Kong Cycling Club were confined to social outings during the past week, although a few individual time trials in quest of Colony records remain on schedule for decision.

The Club run to Shataukok drew an enthusiastic attendance, of which half were non-members. Both outward and homeward journeys were made via Shatin, Taiipo and Fanling, a steady westerly breeze offsetting the sudden increase in temperature, and assisting the party home. A stay was made at Shataukok for tiffin, the homeward run being commenced at 2 p.m., and the outing was successfully concluded at 5.45 p.m.

A larger party attended the mid-week run on Wednesday evening, when Shaikiwan was visited via King's Road, the return route running into the hills near Wongneichong Gap.

This week's programme includes outings to Aberdeen on Wednesday (6 p.m. Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai); to Clear Water Bay on Saturday (2 p.m. Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon), and to Lokmachau on Sunday (9 a.m. Alhambra Theatre) in conjunction with an attempt on the 40 miles record recently established by Geo. Cottrell. Non-members will be welcomed on all outings.

MR. A.K. TAYLOR INVESTED WITH M.B.E. INSIGNIA

AT AN INFORMAL CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE THIS MORNING, MR. A. K. TAYLOR, SENIOR CHIEF INSPECTOR IN THE URBAN COUNCIL, WAS INVESTED WITH THE M.B.E. INSIGNIA.

Addressing the recipient, His Excellency the Governor said: Mr. Alexander Keith Taylor, By command of the King, conveyed to me by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, I am about to present to you the Insignia of a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

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As the Senior Chief Inspector in the Sanitary Department you hold a position of very great trust and responsibility and this occasion bears witness of the worthy way in which you have filled it.

It gives me much pleasure to present these Insignia to you.

GAOL FOR KIDNAPPING

Pleading guilty to kidnapping, Tsin Pui, 30, was this morning sentenced to 6 months' hard labour at Kowloon.

Det.-Sergt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, stated that defendant went to live with the father of the boy, Ng Ping, 4 years of age.

On May 4, defendant suggested to the mother that he take the boy out to tea and the mother agreed. The accused then disappeared.

On May 7, at about 2 p.m., the parents were distractedly walking along Ma Tau Wei Road when they saw defendant with the child in his arms.

Mrs. J. L. Wilson, wife of the Dean, has reported the loss of a brooch, in the Central district.



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CLEARING UP A MISCONCEPTION

Sir,—On Saturday morning a reporter from the "Sunday Herald" came to me for an interview regarding the bombing of Chungking on May 3rd and 4th. The report as written up in the "Sunday Herald" carries certain misconstructions, of my words which I fear might give a wrong impression to the general public.

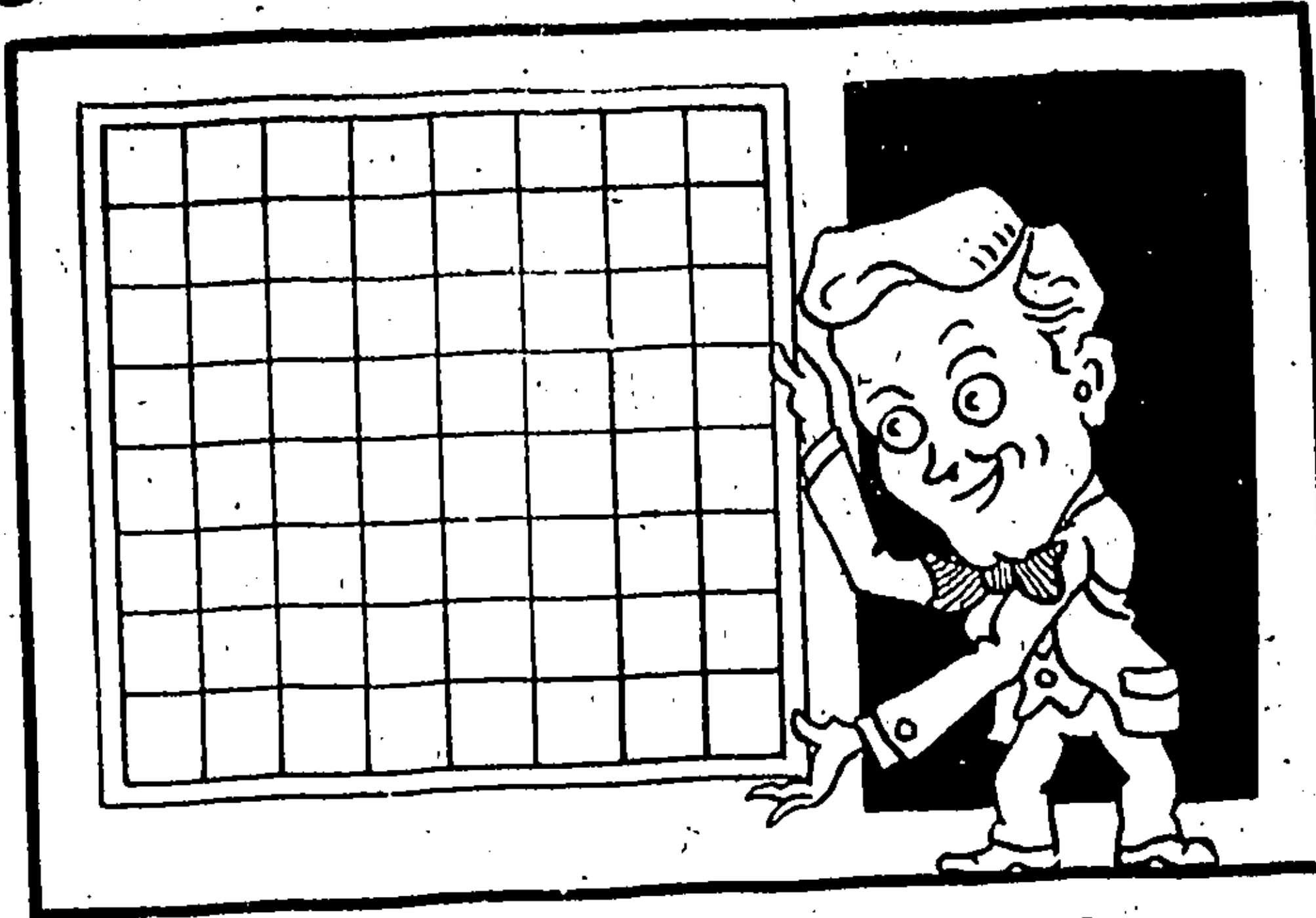
I was asked whether there were any Chinese pursuit planes in the air at the time of the bombings. I replied that on the first occasion, May 3rd, I counted 18 Chinese pursuit planes in the air, and that on the second day I did not see any. The article as published implies that there were only 20 Chinese planes in Chungking. As I know nothing about the number of aircraft at Chungking, it follows that I could not have made the statement attributed to me.

I was asked whether there was any anti-aircraft fire from Chinese positions. I answered that on the first day I could not see nor hear anti-aircraft fire; that on the second day, from the place where I watched the bombing, I could not see any fire from large calibre anti-aircraft guns, but that I did see fire from small calibre guns, which, owing to the altitude at which the bombers were flying was ineffective. I did not say, as the newspaper reports imply, that the Chinese Capital has little defences, as naturally I do not know the type or extent of such defences.

In answer to a question from the reporter I informed him that I doubted very much that there was any anti-aircraft equipment around the foreign consulates, owing to their location in the city, and that therefore any attack on those sections was unjustifiable.

Except for the above corrections I consider that the account of the two bombings carried in the "Sunday Herald" is accurate and offers a true picture of the tragedy. I am

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



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(A.W. NUGENT)

Answer to-morrow.
Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Saint, Stain, Satin.

anxious, however, to bring these corrections to the attention of the public, particularly to the Chinese public, among whom I have many friends, who may have gotten the impression that I was criticising the way in which the city was defended. I am not a military authority and am therefore not qualified to pass judgment on a matter of this kind. As an ordinary eye-witness, however, I can say that my admiration for the bravery and patriotism of the Chinese people and authorities was greatly increased after seeing the courage shown by the military, police and civilians on the streets of Chungking throughout those two horrible days of May 3rd and 4th.

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Booking is now open for the performance of "The Resurrection," Oratorio by L. Perosi, which will take place at the Chinese Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, May 18 at 9 p.m.

The Oratorio, which will be accompanied by an orchestra, will be sung by the Choral Group, under the director of Mr. E. Gualdi. Solo parts will be taken by Misses Chan Mei Lan, Gertrude Goddard and Carmen Silva and Messrs Gaston d'Aquino, Alec Greaves and David Lyen.

The performance is in aid of the Emergency Refugee Council and His Excellency the Governor has promised to attend.

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RONALD CASTRO (left) and "BOBBY" CASTRO—winners of the 200 and 100 metres, respectively, at the inter-school sports.

BASKETBALL

THRILLING GAME IN COLONY FINAL

The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" Basketball team, after a hard struggle last night at Chinese Y.M.C.A. Stadium, managed to scrape through to win the Colony Chinese Senior Basketball Championship, beating the runners-up, South China Athletic Association by a narrow margin of only two points.

The Stadium was packed to capacity in spite of admission fees being increased by 100 per cent.

Both teams were, from the beginning of the League, strong contenders for the title their matches usually drawing large crowds of basketball fans.

Both teams were running neck and neck from the start to the end in last night's deciding match.

The "Sing Tao" team was not as brilliant as previously and their marksmanship was conspicuously poor.

Just a few seconds before the end of the game "Sing Tao" scored the deciding goal winning by 31 points to 29.

BOXING

PETER KANE RELINQUISHES FLYWEIGHT TITLE

London, To-day.

Because he was unable to make the weight, Peter Kane, of Great Britain, has relinquished the world flyweight boxing championship.

All difficulties connected with the world welterweight fight be-

SHANGHAI DERBY

MR. MOLLER'S SUCCESS

News has just been received in the Colony to the effect that the Shanghai Derby, run yesterday, was won by Mr. Moller's Joylight. It is not known who was second, but Mr. "Gus" White's White Woolly was third.

HOME CRICKET

WEST INDIES LOSE FIRST COUNTY MATCH

London, To-day.

Playing at Worcester, the West Indies touring cricket team made an inauspicious start to their programme of matches with the English counties and were beaten by 85 runs.

Batting first, the county were skittled out by Martindale (4 for 27) for a meagre 83 runs.

They then dismissed West Indies for 142 (Perks 6 for 27) and in their second venture improved somewhat to total 291.

West Indies never looked like getting the runs against Perks and were all out for 147, Perks taking 5 for 46. — Reuter.

Note: — Worcester finished eleventh in the County Championship last season.

tween the holder, Henry Armstrong, and Ernie Roderick, the British champion, have been overcome and the fight is taking place at Harringay Arena on May 25, Roderick having agreed to defend the title in America within six months under the promotion of Mike Jacobs if he wins. — Reuter.

Army Spotlight

(By "SQUADDY")

WITH the Army Tennis Leagues beginning to get under way, great activity has been observed in the different camps and players can be seen at Sookunpoo on any day getting in some intensive practice.

There are three Leagues this season, two for units on the Island and one on the Mainland.

Royal Engineers are running three teams, 40 Company putting in an "A" and "B" side, whilst 22nd Company are entering one team. 40 Company "A" must be regarded as strong favourites for the "B" division as they have the pick of the Engineers in the team.

The probable side is Major Nottingham, Lieutenant Russell, Sgts. Hays and Quinnell, and Cpl. Denyer. Sgt. Land would normally be an automatic choice for the team but an injured shoulder sustained during the cricket season has not yielded to treatment as well as was expected and he is not keen on trying it too far at present. He will, however, be seen out on occasions before he leaves for home later in the year. Sgt. Wellwood was selected for the sixth position in the side, but is also injured and at present S. M. Green is the probable choice.

EXPERIENCED PAIR

The "B" team has much useful material in it too, and S. M. Vicary, Q. M. S. Wedlock, S/Sgt. Mettam, Cpl. Houding, S/Sgt. Wilson and S/Sgt. Samways should be able to give a good account of themselves in the "A" division.

S. M. Vicary and Q. M. S. Wedlock have plenty of experience behind them and did well in last season's championships. They should be able to hold the side together. Should any further injuries make it necessary to bring in new players, S/Sgt. Connor and Sgt. Davis are standing by.

22nd Company are in "A" division but the side that has been doing duty for them in friendly matches has not impressed greatly. S/Sgt. Mitchell and Shaw seem their best pair with Barton and Howell also quite steady. I do not think on their present form they are likely to finish very high up the League, however.

R.A.M.C. LOSSES

27 Coy. R.A.M.C. have entered two sides, one in "A" division and one in "B". The composition of the two teams is not known at present but Sgt. Stevens, Cpl. Webb, Pte. Milne, Pte. Reynolds, Cpl. Musson, Cpl. Hanlan, Major Harvey and Major McNeill will be taking part and between them should be able to get a very decent side together. They will no doubt feel the loss keenly of two of their best players of last season, S. M. Barton and S/Sgt. Dunford who have gone home.

The R.A.S.C. side, which is in "B" division, has greatly changed this year. The Probables are L/C. Martin, S/Sgt. Keast, S/Sgt. Dumville, L/C. Young, L/C. Hammond, L/C. Sheridan, Dvr. Logan and Dvr. Moore.

Logan may find his other activities in the sports field interfere too much for him to take an active part in the League, but if he can manage, it will be a great asset to the side. The most formidable combination by far is L/C. Martin and S/Sgt. Keast, who team up very well together.

MIDDLESEX DARK HORSES?

On the Mainland the Signals are rumoured to have a very strong side and are hopeful of winning the division. The Royal Scots are not entering Company teams this year, but have two sides engaged, one from the Band and one from Headquarters. They are unfortunate in that they do not possess any outstanding players.

Middlesex are keeping very quiet about their chances, but may pull a few hot players out of the bag and shake up the Signals.

A. TRIBUTE

I notice that the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, M.C., gave a special word of praise to W. O. Austin of A.E.C. when he presented the prizes for the Army Football League last week. This praise is well deserved as owing to movements of troops on exercises etc., this League is just about the hardest thing to run imaginable. However, during the last two years, W. O. Austin has worked wonders and managed to get the League finished well up to time. In his spare time Mr. Austin is a keen model aeroplane builder.

ARMY TENNIS

NARROW VICTORY FOR SCOTS' BAND: R.A.M.C. WIN

Royal Scots, Headquarters Band beat 9th Battery, Royal Artillery; by 5-4, in their First Division League tennis match, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Lt. Mills and Gnr. Manley (R.A.) beat Sgt. Green and L/Cpl. Alsey 6-4 lost to Bdr. Jenkins and Bdr. Wills 1-6 lost to Bdn. Downing and Bdn. Dibble 4-6

Lt. Whittaker and Bdr. Kennedy (R.A.) lost to Green and Alsey 2-6 lost to Jenkins and Wills 0-6 beat Downing and Dibble 9-7

L/Bdr. Savage and Gnr. Mew (R.A.) beat Green and Alsey 6-3 lost to Jenkins and Wills 1-6 beat Downing and Dibble 9-7

WEBB AND LYNCH WIN ALL THREE

Royal Army Medical Corps "B" beat Royal Army Service Corps, by 6-3, in their Second Division League tennis match, yesterday.

L/C. Martin and Dvr. Logan (R.A.S.C.) lost to Cpl. Webb and Capt. Lynch 4-6 beat Pte. Tilley and Pte. Reynolds 7-5 beat Sgt. Smith and Pte. Dunne 6-4

L/Cpl. Hammond and L/Cpl. Sheridan (R.A.S.C.) lost to Webb and Lynch 1-6 lost to Tilley and Reynolds 3-6 lost to Smith and Dunne 6-8

S/S. Drumbrell and L/Cpl. Young (R.A.S.C.) lost to Webb and Lynch 4-6 lost to Tilley and Reynolds 4-6 beat Smith and Dunne 7-5

MIXED DOUBLES PROSPECTS OF U.S.R.C.

United Services Recreation Club is likely to again be one of the strongest teams in the Mixed Doubles League, if trials held yesterday afternoon are any criterion.

They will be considerably strengthened this season by W. A. H. Duff, who, together with Miss Ann Tylor, is the holder of the Colony Mixed Doubles title.

In addition to these two, that veteran mixed doubles player, L. Goldman, will again be available as will Comdr. Clifford.

The team for the first League match will probably be L. Goldman, W. A. H. Duff, Comdr. Clifford and Miss Tylor, Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Clifford.

Other possible players are Col. Newnham, G. E. R. Dwyett, Capt. Loch, Lt. Tomlinson, Miss J. Reeve and Miss Diana Dodwell.

A NEWCOMER

The last-named, last season played for Hong Kong Cricket Club, while Miss Reeve, a youthful player of distinct promise, is a comparative newcomer to the Colony.

Unfortunately Comdr. and Mrs. Clifford will not be available for the whole of the season as they are expected to leave for the north in the near future.

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("By ADREM")

Tsui Wai-pui beat Tsui Yan-pui 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

In the face of the above score one would instantly jump to the conclusion that the final of the Colony singles championship played yesterday on the Stand Court, was a close, thrilling affair.

It wasn't! The opening part of it was well worth watching — that was when Tsui Yan-pui played really splendid tennis to go out at 6-3 — later, it merely dragged itself out to an inevitable conclusion.

Apart from that first set, and one or two other odd spasms, the rallies were terribly short.

Another reason why, as entertainment value, the match fell a long way short of expectations, was the fact that at no time did both brothers strike form at the same period.

Thus we had Yan-pui dominating the court in the first set whilst Wai-pui was trying to find his touch. In the second and third sets, Wai-pui was brilliant and his brother gave the impression of being a spent force. In the fourth set they were both bad and Wai-pui, in the fifth set, gave the impression that he wasn't trying very hard and was just availing himself of the opportunity of working in an occasional trick-shot.

That then is a fairly accurate summary of the five sets. The last three-quarters of an hour might have proved of interest to many—to those with Caledonian instincts they might have felt they were getting their dollar's worth!—but judging from the expressions, and remarks passed in my particular vicinity in the Stand, many were bored to tears and were mainly interested in their side-bets on which game Wai-pui would decide to apply pressure and get it over!

The foregoing may sound a trifle jaundiced but I was really disappointed in the game—probably I expected too much.

If it did nothing else, however, it did demonstrate how far superior to everyone else in the Colony Tsui Wai-pui really is. We have become accustomed to seeing Yan-pui toy with even some of our better players.

The boot was on the other foot with a vengeance yesterday. Except for the first 20 minutes, one always felt that his brother could have won when he liked.

Chief feature of Wai-pui's game, when he was taking matters seriously, was his uncanny accuracy and his ability to produce attacking shots from the most awkward positions. His driving on the forehand was superb, his net coups well-planned and his service adequate, but what amazed more than anything was his extraordinary powers of anticipation.

Rarely was he caught on the wrong foot. He was in position and ready for some of his brother's most unexpected passing shots.

Attacking Half-Volley

Another phase of the game in which he proved adept and which will always leave him in a class of his own in Colony tennis, was his ability to attack on the half-volley. He was amazingly accurate with this, generally considered defensive stroke.

It makes it extremely difficult for an opponent. Yan-pui, on several occasions, went in on a searing drive right into the corner only to be passed with

YAN-PUI WON MOST POINTS

The following shows the points won during the match:

	Wai-pui	Yan-pui
1st set	20	31
2nd set	35	26
3rd set	37	36
4th set	35	43
5th set	41	36

Total 168 172
Yan-pui served eight glorious aces during the match, Wai-pui being unable to reach any of them, but he served eight double faults, once being foot-faulted. Wai-pui served nine double faults.

the greatest of ease by a half-volley drive which flashed down the sideline or cross court according to his position at the time.

I have never seen the champion use the drop-shot so little in a recent match. He was wiser than his brother! The ground was far too hard for its safe exploitation as Yan-pui found to his cost. Wai-pui had no difficulty in reaching the ball however accurately it was dropped and invariably won the point with a lob that dropped within a couple of feet of the baseline.

At his best, Yan-pui's accuracy off the ground brought him some measure of success. In the first set he kept a remarkably fine length, placing fierce drives into the backhand corner with consistency. He also scored with some frequency with a sharply-angled cross-court forehand drive.

On the backhand, generally considered his soundest wing, he disappointed. He was all over the place with his timing and very inclined to balloon the stroke with disastrous results with his opponent advancing on the net.

His service was first-class and when he was fresh and volleying well, he usually came in on it and made the point.

Overshadowed though he was for the greater part of yesterday's match, Yan-pui left little doubt that he is capable of beating anyone else in the Colony and, unless the Colony acquires someone who is very good indeed, I see the Tsuis occupying the position in local tennis, so long occupied with such distinction by the inimitable Rumjahns.

Some Advice!

In passing, however, I feel that Wai-pui would do well to remember, that from a spectator's point of view, a good crisp three-set match is far more interesting to watch than a long-drawn out affair such as yesterday's and in this connection he might well endeavour to



"Sing Tao Jih Pao" Basketball Team snapped scoring the two necessary points which gave them the Colony Chinese Senior Basketball League Championship last night. (Photo by "Sing Tao Jih Pao").

DAVIS CUP PLAYERS ARRIVE ON THURSDAY

The two players selected to represent Philippine Islands in the Davis Cup are due to arrive here on Thursday in the President Pierce en route to the United States.

They are Amado Sanchez, P. I.'s No. 1 player, and Felicisimo Ampon.

It will be recalled that Sanchez, on his way to Saigon to play in the Indo-China championships, gave exhibitions at Kowloon Cricket Club together with Leonardo Gavia, the second string.

The selection of Ampon over the head of Gavia caused a first-class sensation in the Islands.

A youth of a bare 17 Summers, Ampon is described as a player of extreme promise and should gain enormously by his trip abroad.

Sanchez, winner of the National Tournament in the Philippines last month, was named No. 1 member of the Davis Cup team immediately, but it was decided that a series of matches be arranged between Ampon and Gavia to decide which of these two should accompany him.

Twice Postponed

Ampon won the first 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 and the return match was postponed twice on the instigation of Gavia.

Having regard to the early departure of the President Pierce, the selection committee decided that the

recall the Rumjahns' performances in the past.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

The final of the Club tennis championships singles event will be played on the Stand Court this afternoon.

The finalists are H. J. Armstrong and W. Sander.

team would have to be named without further delay, and Ampon was selected.

It was hoped that exhibition matches could be arranged by the H.K.L.T.A. but as the Pierce arrives at 6 p.m. on Thursday and leaves at 1 o'clock the following morning, this will not be practicable.

Philippines will meet the winner of the tie between Australia and Mexico.

D.B.S. BEAT SCHOOL SCOUTS

In a friendly cricket match last Saturday on the School's ground, Diocesan Boys' School beat the School Scouts by 23 runs.

Scores were:
D.B.S.: 105 (R. J. Lay 54, G. A. Kew 19; B. D. Lay 2 for 23).
School Scouts: 83 (D. Cray 28, J. Fisher 28, B. D. Lay 15; A. White 3 for 15; G. A. Goodban 3 for 17; W. Chin Pen 2 for 2).

In the Captain's Cup May qualifying competition at Fanling, played on May 6 and 7, T. E. Pearce, with a card of 87-15=72 qualified on the Old Course. There were 81 entries.

D. S. Edward, with 78-4=68, qualified on the New Course. There were 11 entries here.

The optional sweep on the Old Course was won by T. Megarry, 87-12=75 (16 entries). The sweep on the New Course was captured by

LOCAL SOCCER

APPORTIONING OF GATE RECEIPTS

A meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council held yesterday, a proposal was put forward that a rule concerning the apportioning of net gate receipts be changed.

In the absence of Mr. W. Pryde, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun acted as Chairman with the assistance of Mr. L. Souza, as Assistant Hon. Secretary.

The allocation of the yearly charity funds was considered and it was decided that the matter should be referred to the following sub-committee for consideration: Capt. E. H. P. Neill, Gunner H. Cooper, Mr. T. G. Stokes and Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.

The matter of alteration of rules was then taken up and rule b of Section 6, of the Challenge Shield Cup was discussed. Section C reads as follows: "In matches other than the semi-finals and finals, where gate money is charged, the net gate receipts shall be apportioned as follows:

"If the match is played on a ground other than that of a competing Club, the Club on which ground the match is played, one third, and each competing Club, one-third."

After rule b had been debated, Capt. Neill proposed that the rule be changed to read that 10 per cent. of the gate receipts be allotted to the Club on which ground the match is played and that each competing Club receive 45 per cent. each. This proposal was seconded by Cd. Gunner Cooper. This proposal will have to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

On a vote by the representatives of the five Clubs in Hong Kong who have their own grounds, the Police Football Club was included in the proposed new rule.

The Council granted the South China Athletic Association necessary permission to tour the South Sea Islands for a series of matches at the end of May.

It was said that the Association had had a good financial year.

Before the meeting concluded Capt. Neill, who is shortly leaving for England, thanked members of the Council for the kindness and consideration given him. Mr. Wong, on behalf, of the Association, thanked Capt. Neill for the service he had rendered and wished him "bon voyage."

Those present at the meeting included: Messrs. W. E. Hollands, T. G. Stokes, Lt. Peall, H. Fantham, E. Strange, Mok Hing, Capt. Neill, Cd. Gunner Cooper and Mr. G. F. Walker (for the Treasurers).

FARR'S NEXT FIGHT

London, Apr. 25.—Discussions were still going on yesterday about the next appearance in the ring of Tommy Farr. Mr. Sydney Hulls, the promoter, said: "I have not yet made up my mind whether to put Farr on in a fight in Cardiff next month or not. His next contest may not be in his own country at all, but in London, as I originally planned."

Larry Gains and Jack London have both been considered as possible opponents for Farr in Cardiff, but Mr. Hulls has an optional date at the Earl's Court Exhibition Building for June 12, and he may decide to put Farr on against an American heavy-weight that night.

CENTURY AGAINST MARTINEAU'S TEAM

Cairo, April 21.—R. Parkhouse, who scored a century for the Gezira Sporting Club against H. M. Martineau's team a week ago, was in fine form to-day when playing for All-Egypt in the first Test match against Martineau's side. Park-

FINAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	42	27	5	10	88	52	59
Wolves	42	22	11	9	85	39	55
Charlton	42	22	6	14	75	59	50
Middlesbro'	42	20	9	13	93	74	49
Arsenal	42	19	9	14	55	41	47
Bolton	42	16	15	11	68	56	47
Derby	42	19	8	15	66	55	46
Stoke	42	17	12	13	71	68	46
Grimsby	42	16	11	15	61	69	43
Preston	42	15	12	15	61	60	42
Liverpool	42	14	14	14	62	63	42
Aston Villa	42	16	9	17	71	60	41
Leeds	42	16	9	17	59	67	41
Manchester Un.	42	11	16	15	57	65	38
Blackpool	42	12	14	16	56	68	38
Sunderland	42	13	12	17	54	67	38
Portsmouth	42	12	13	17	47	70	37
Brentford	42	14	8	20	53	74	36
Huddersfield	42	12	11	19	58	64	35
Chelsea	42	12	9	21	64	80	33
Birmingham	42	12	8	22	62	84	32
Leicester	42	9	11	22	48	82	29

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	42	25	5	12	94	60	55
Sheffield U.	42	20	14	8	69	41	54
Wednesday	42	21	11	10	88	59	53
Coventry	42	21	8	13	62	45	50
Manchester C.	42	21	7	14	96	72	49
Luton	42	22	5	15	82	66	49
Chesterfield	42	20	9	13	69	52	49
Tottenham	42	19	9	14	67	62	47
Newcastle	42	18	10	14	61	48	46
West Brom.	42	18	9	15	89	72	45
West Ham	42	17	10	15	70	52	44
Fulham	42	17	10	15	61	55	44
Millwall	42	14	14	14	64	53	42
Burnley	42	15	9	18	50	56	39
Plymouth	42	15	8	19	49	55	38
Bury	42	12	13	17	65	74	37
Bradford	42	12	11	19	61	82	35
Southampton	42	13	9	20	56	82	35
Swansea	42	11	12	19	50	84	34
Notts. F.	42	10	11	21	49	82	31
Norwich	42	13	5	24	50	91	31
Tranmere	42	6	5	31	39	99	17

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newport	42	22	11	9	58	45	55
Crystal P.	42	20	12	10	71	52	52
Brighton	42	19	11	12	68	49	49
Reading	42	16	14	12	69	59	46
Watford	42	17	12	13	60	51	46
Queen's P.R.	42	15	14	13	68	49	44
Ipswich	42	16	12	14	62	52	44
Bristol C.	42	16	12	14	61	63	44
Swindon	42	18	8	16	72	77	44
Aldershot	42	16	12	14	53	66	44
Notts C.	42	17	9	16	59	54	43
Southend	42	16	9	17	61	64	41
Cardiff	42	15	11	16	61	65	41
Exeter	42	13	14	15	65	82	40
Bournemouth	42	13	13	16	52	58	39
Mansfield	42	12	15	15	44	62	39
Northants	42	15	8	19	51	58	38
Port Vale	42	14	9	19	52	58	37
Torquay	42	14	9	19	54	70	37
Clapton O.	42	11	13	18	53	55	35
Walsall	42	11	11	20	68	69	33
Bristol R.	42	10	13	19	55	61	33

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	42	30	7	5	94	34	67
Doncaster	42	21	14	7	87	47	56
Bradford C.	42	22	8	12	89	56	52
Southport	42	20	10	12	75	54	50
Oldham	42	22	5	15	76	59	49
Chester	42	20	9	13	88	70	49
Hull City	42	18	10	14	83	74	46
Crewe	42	19	6	17	82	70	44
Stockport	42	17	9	16	91	77	43
Gateshead	42	14	14	14	74	67	42
Rotherham	42	17	8	17	64	64	42
Halifax	42	13	16	13	52	54	42
Barrow	42	16	9	17	66	65	41
Wrexham	42	17	7	18	66	79	41
Rochdale	42	15	9	18	92	82	39
New Brighton	42	15	9	18	68	73	39
Lincoln	42	12	9	21	66	92	33
Darlington	42	13	7	22	62	92	33
Carlisle	42	13	7	22	66	111	33
York City	42	12	8	22	64	92	32
Hartlepool	42	12	7	23	55	94	31
Accrington	42	7	6	29	49	103	20

house scored 110, coming to the rescue of his side when they were in a bad way. He was well supported by Major J. E. S. Welford, who scored 75. The seventh wicket put on 124 runs. Captain Sumner scored 52.

All-Egypt scored 316. F. R. Brown, the Surrey and England player, taking eight wickets for 117 runs. At the close of play Martineau's team had scored 68 for the loss of one wicket. The match finishes on Saturday—Press Association.

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FOOTBALL TEAM'S RETURN

The Lights Played Big Part In Hong Kong's Defeat

Gosano Breaks Glasses But Plays Well Without

SHEEHAN'S FINE DISPLAY IN FINAL GAME

THE Hong Kong Interport Football team returned to the Colony this morning from Manila by the s.s. Taiping after a very pleasant voyage and all were enthusiastic about the great time they had had and the arrangements and entertainment programme drawn up by the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation.

Lee Wai-tong, captain of the team, who was injured in the very first minute of the Interport game and did not participate in any other, spoke highly of the spirit which prevailed among the players and officials during the tour. He stated that the lights played a great part in the fortunes of the game and it was not until the last match that the players got accustomed to the conditions.

The outstanding players of the tour were Tam Kwan-kon, the goal-keeper, and A. V. Gosano, who in spite of the handicap of having to play with glasses—he broke a set of spectacles in two games and in the last played without them for threequarters of the game,—and in the last game, Sheehan, who occupied the pivotal position and whose display was a revelation.

Royally Entertained

During the team's stay in Manila they were royally entertained. At the expense of the Federation, the team motored to Baguio. The official dinner was held at the Manila Hotel.

The Chinese Consul General gave a luncheon party to the team during their stay there, while the British members of the team were made visiting members of the Manila Polo Club. The Rizal Swimming Stadium and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. were also placed at the team's disposal.

The Hong Kong team won their only game against Y.C.O. by four goals to 1 and lost the Interport game and the La Salle matches by

the identical score of 3 goals to 1. In the game against La Salle, Hong Kong did all the pressing, and two of the goals scored by La Salle were attributable to the lights.

BASEBALL NOTES TO-MORROW

It is very much regretted that "Grand Stand's", baseball notes, which usually appear to-day, have been held over owing to pressure on space and will appear in all editions to-morrow.

In an article published yesterday, it was mentioned that G. H. Fowler, of C.B.A., was to be suspended for an incident that occurred during the International hockey final.

It has now been pointed out that the incident in question occurred after the match.

INDOOR BOWLING**Mixed Pairs Tourney**

The Mixed Pairs Tournament at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys has now commenced. All entrants are requested to get in touch with Mr. S. Lillicrap, manager of the Bowling Alleys, with a view to arranging matches to be played off as soon as possible.

During the past week, the following pairs played off their games.

D. Venezia and Mrs. Miller beat L. Weill and Miss Hope by 235 points; Mr. and Mrs. C. Horton by 94 points; Mr. and Mrs. Ismail beat Mr. H. Odell and Miss I. Cunningham by 120 points; Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine beat Dr. and Mrs. Pringle by 88 points.

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South China Athletic Association were the first to score, as shown above, in the Final Match of the Colony Chinese Senior Basketball League, that were eventually lost.

Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Princess"

To-day's Wireless

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Fred Stein at the Piano.
Love's Romance—Slow Fox-Trot;
Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film 'Mazurka'); I have A Heart For
Lovely Women—Waltz; I Am
Playing Farewell to You—Fox-
Trot.
12.43 p.m.—Maurice Winnick & His
Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—A Melody From The Sky
(film 'The Trail of the Lonesome
Pine'); Alone Again; Did I Re-
member? (film 'Suzy'); A Star
Fell Out Of Heaven; On Treasure
Island.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson
(Bass).
Song Of Freedom (film same);
Sleepy River (film 'Song of Free-
dom')...with Elisabeth Welch.
...with Chorus & Orchestra.
Blue Prelude (Bishop).
Swing Along (Cook).
...with Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Magnolias In The Moon-
light (from 'Follow your Heart').
Waltz—Follow Your Heart (from the
(film)...Ted Fio Rito & His
Orchestra.
Tango—El Adios Del Boyero...Or-
questa Tipica Roberto Firpo.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin
Speech from the Roof Garden of the

Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Dr. L.
J. Dovey. Subject: "Women's Part
in the Health Game."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox & His
Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Rhythm In My Nursery
Rhymes.
Tango Fox-Trot—Marilou.
Fox-Trots—That Old Feeling (film
'Walter Wanger's Vogues'); Re-
member Me (film 'Mr. Dodd Takes
the Air').
Waltz—Seal It With A Kiss (film
'That Girl from Paris').
Fox-Trots—The Night Is Young, and
You're So Beautiful; Shadows On
The Moon (film 'Girl of the Golden
West'); Sunday In The Park
(Happy Returns).
Slow Fox-Trots—Two Shadows (from
the film); I Won't Tell A Soul.
6.30 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Se-
lections.
"The Pirates of Penzance":
Ah, Leave Me Not To Pine!...Elsie
Griffin & Derek Oldham (Vocal
Duet) with Orchestra.
No, I am Brave!...Elsie Griffin;
Leo Sheffield and Male Chorus.
When A Felon's Not Engaged...
Leo Sheffield & Male Chorus.
"Patience":
Love is a Plaintive Song...Wini-
fred Lawson (Soprano) with
Orchestra.
So Go to Him...Bertha Lewis &
George Baker.

It's Clear That Medieval Art...D.
Oldham, M. Green, D. Fancourt.
"The Yeomen of the Guard":
Leonard, My Loved One...Wini-
fred Lawson, Derek Oldham,
George Baker & Chorus.
"The Pirates of Penzance":
What Shall I Do?...Derek Oldham.
Climbing Over Rocky Mountain...
Nellie Briercliffe, Nellie Walker
& Chorus of Girls.
Stop, Ladies, Pray...N. Brier-
cliffe, N. Walker, D. Oldham and
Chorus of Girls.
Oh! Is There Not One Maiden
Breast...D. Oldham, E. Griffin
and Chorus of Girls.
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
7 p.m.—New Light Orchestral Records.
Tango (Albeniz); Tango Bolero
(Juan Llossas)...Barnabas Von
Geczy & His Orchestra.
Women Of Vienna—Waltz (Joh.
Strauss—arr. Hohne); 'Du und Du'
Waltz (from 'Dis Fledermaus')—
Joh. Strauss)...Orchestra Mas-
cotte.
"Magyar Melody"—Selection...Louis
Levy & His Orchestra (with Vocal
Refrain).
In The Shadows (Finck); The Ska-
ters—Waltz (Waldteufel)...Vic-
tor Silvester's Harmony Music.
Down The Mall (Belton)...Philip
Green & His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ
The Lost Chord (Sullivan).
Cloister Shadows (Hope).
The Whistler And His Dog (Pryor).
7.40 p.m.—Albert Sandler Trio.
Rustle Of Spring (Sinding—Op. 32,
No. 3); Paraphrase of Strauss
Waltzes (arr. David Bor); Dusty
Violin (Vernon & Brooke); Victor
Herbert Melodies; Shy Serenade
(George Scott Wood).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No.
2 In C Minor, Op. 18. Sergei Rach-
maninoff (Piano) and the Philadel-
phia Symphony Orchestra conducted
by Leopold Stokowski.
8.35 p.m.—Two Songs by Theodore
Chaliapine (Bass).
Farewell Of Boris ('Boris Godounov'
—Moussorgsky).
11 p.m.—Close down.

Death Of Boris ('Boris Godounov'
—Moussorgsky)...with Chorus.
...with Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—"The Sleeping
Princess" Suite. Sadler's Wells Or-
chestra conducted by Constant Lam-
bert.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Food for
Thought". Short talks on matters of
topical interest.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News
and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Variety with Vic Oliver,
Frances Day, Ann Penn and Orches-
tra Mascotte.
Evening Stars—Waltz (Lanner—arr.
Hohne); Goodnight—Waltz (Wood-
Bibo-Conrad)...Orchestra Mas-
cotte.
Out In The New Mown Hay (Dou-
gherty); So Tired (Little & Size-
more)...Ann Penn (Comedienne)
with Orchestra.
Lovely To Kiss—Waltz (Dicker);
Dance Of The Fairies—Waltz
(Rosenthal)...Orchestra Mascotte.
Artificial Flowers ('Floodlight')—Ni-
chols)...Frances Day (Soprano)
with Orchestra.
Over The Waves—Waltz (Rosas—
arr. Hohne); Amoretentanza—
Waltz (Gungl—arr. Hohne)...
Orchestra Mascotte.
Vic Oliver Goes Naughty (Vic Oli-
ver)...Vic Oliver (Comedian).
Butting In (Vic Oliver)...Vic Oliver
versus Gloria Day.
10.25 p.m.—New Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—You're A Sweet Little
Headache (film 'Paris Honey-
moon'); I Have Eyes (film 'Paris
Honeymoon')...Gerald & His
Orchestra.
Waltz—The Umbrella Man (from
'These Foolish Things')...Jack
Hylton & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Blue Skies Are
Round The Corner; Novelty Fox-
Trot—One Man Went To Blow...
Henry Hall & His Orchestra.
Rumbas—Rumba Colora; Moon Of
Monte Carlo...Lecuna Cuban
Boys.
Fox-Trot—Plastered In Paris...The
Band Waggoners.
Waltz—I Shall Always Remember
You Smiling; Slow Fox-Trot—
Lonely...Billy Cotton & His Band.
Fox-Trot—Let Me Whisper...Roy
Smeek & His Hawaiian Serenaders.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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and hence will be forced to let go
of one club on the second spade and
another club on the last diamond.
The heart is now led and finessed,
and the King of hearts played,
whereupon East in turn is squeezed
and forced to unguard either the
spade or club.

You were Howard Schenken's
partner yesterday and held:

10 5 4
A K 7 6
3 2
A 8 5 4

The bidding:
Jacoby You Burnstone Schenken
10 (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is
to double. Your hand is an absolute
minimum double, and unless your
partner forces, you should plan not
to bid again.

Score 100% for double, 80% for
pass, 40% for one heart (avoid four-
card suit overcalls when possible),
0 for any other bid.

Question No. 94
Your partner is David Bruce
Burnstone and you hold:

9 5 4 3
8 7 6 5
Q 7 6 5
A 3

The bidding:
Maker Burnstone Jacoby You
10 Pass 20 Pass
20 Pass 30 Pass
30 Pass 40 Pass

What do you lead? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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South, Dealer

♠ K 9 8 6 3
♥ K J 10 6 4
♦ —
♣ K 10 6

♠ J 7 5 3
♥ Q 7 5 3
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ J 9 7 4

♠ Q 10 7 4
♥ A 9
♦ 10 9 8 5
♣ Q 3 2

♠ A 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ A K Q J 2
♣ A 8 5

The bidding:
South West North East
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
6NT Pass Pass Pass

The three of hearts was opened.
Dummy's ten forced the Ace in the
East hand and the ten of diamonds
was returned. Declarer now pro-
ceeded to cash his top tricks and
was down one although, as Mr. Lee
properly points out, the hand could
have been made.

The correct play is an interest-
ing example of a compound
squeeze. Assuming the opening
heart lead to be fourth-best, the
diamonds must break if the hand is
to be made. Declarer cashes the
King and Ace of spades and runs
his diamonds, discarding a club, a
heart and three spades from dummy.
West must hold on to his hearts

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and several others.

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crime vividly portrayed on the screen.

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In Heart", a gay story of the most
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land Young and Billie Burke.

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centuries comes again with the ideal
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M. BLUM TO TRY AND PERSUADE MAJOR ATTLEE

Paris, To-day.
The leader of the French Socialist Party and former Premier under the Popular Front Regime, M. Leon Blum, will fly to London to-day, to discuss with Major Attlee, the political situation.

It is believed that M. Blum will endeavour to persuade the Labour leaders to drop opposition to the introduction of compulsory military service in Britain, since it was a serious handicap to British foreign policy and especially to British attempts to reach an agreement with Russia.

M. Leon Blum, in an article in his paper, expressed astonishment at the Labour opposition, which he declared to be inconsistent.

Labour favoured an alliance with Russia and the other democracies against the Totalitarians, at the same time not permitting the Government to acquire the necessary strength to lend weight to such a policy.—Trans-Ocean.

PARKING CASE

Mr. E. Funck, of No. 10, Tak Shing Street, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest to-day for parking over time in Pedder Street on April 14.

It was said that defendant's car No. 2608 was parked for over two hours. A fine of \$4 was imposed.

DAVIS CUP

CLEAN SWEEPS FOR GERMANY, YUGOSLAVIA

Agram, To-day.—Yugoslavia won the remaining two singles of her Davis Cup tie with Ireland here yesterday, thus winning the tie by 5-0. Mitic beat Egan 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 and Punccec defeated Rogers 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.—Trans-Ocean.

HENKEL'S EASY PASSAGE

Vienna, To-day.—Germany won both her remaining singles in her Davis Cup tie with Switzerland here, thus advancing to the next round by a 5-0 victory.

Yesterday's matches were again witnessed by a crowd of several thousand spectators.

The German, Henner Henkel, defeated Boris Maneff, ace of the Swiss team, with consummate ease in three straight sets by a score of 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. The match lasted only about 45 minutes.

In the second match, Roderich Menzel, Sudeten German, beat Jost Spitzner, who played as substitute for Fischer, likewise in three sets, by 8-6, 6-4, 6-3. The young Swiss player offered gallant resistance.—Trans-Ocean.

Fifty sacks of coal weighing 1½ tons were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning. The coal was found unclaimed lying in the water at the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter, on Friday.

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PARIS WAITS FOR IL DUCE'S TURIN SPEECH

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The Rome correspondent of the Paris "Soir" reviews the Italian attitude towards Poland and says that in the Italian Government's view, the British and French guarantees for Poland, combined with recent reversal of Poland's policy, constitute irrefutable demonstration of the intention of the Democratic countries to encircle the Axis powers.

The correspondent adds that the conviction prevails in Rome that the British and French guarantees were given with the aim not of defending Poland but of incorporating her in an anti-Fascist bloc.

The correspondent anticipates that Mussolini, in his speech at Turin on May 14, will seek to saddle England and France with responsibility for European crisis.

"Intransigent", on the other hand, opines that the conclusion of a military alliance responds to the German rather than to the Italian wishes.—Trans-Ocean.

KING OF ITALY TO VISIT BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The definite date for signing of the political and military alliance treaty between Germany and Italy has not yet been set, but informed quarters expect that the treaty will be signed either at the end of May or early in June.

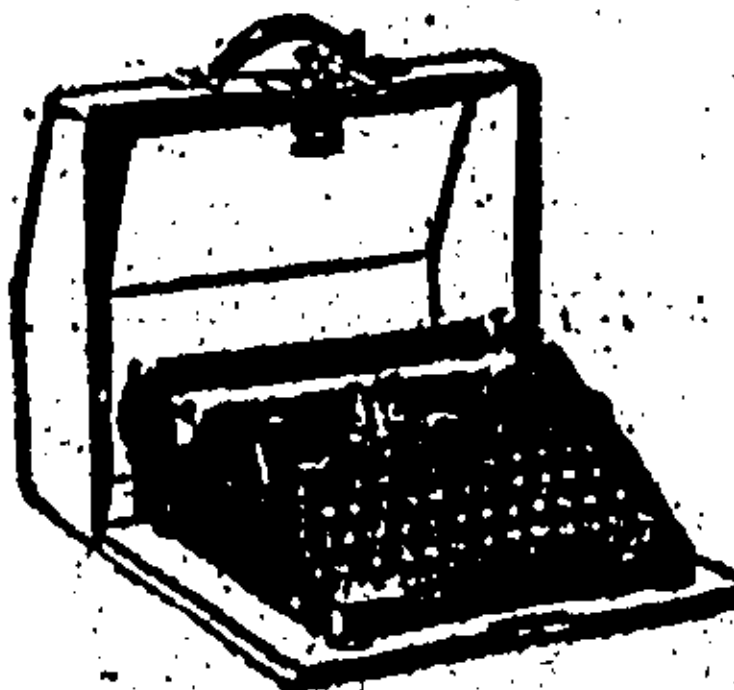
Political quarters believe that the treaty will be signed in Berlin which will be visited shortly by the King of Italy. A definite date has not been set. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage between Miss Geraut Huffer, of No. Riemaunstrasse, Norahansen, Saxony, Germany, and Mr. Henry Edward Arthur Stuart Richold, of No. 5, Felix Villas, Hong Kong, has been announced to take place in the Colony shortly.

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